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Thursday, June 22, 2006

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 Back**Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the City's (1) Draft Annual Action plan for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, related to allocation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds, and (2) Community Development Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Program required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373, including proposed funding allocations.

Additional Backup Material

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- ☐ Draft Action Plan
- ☐ Revised Below the Line

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Action Plan Below the Line:

To receive certain federal entitlement grant funds, federal law requires the City to develop an annual Action Plan. In addition, Chapter 373, Texas Local Government Code, requires a city that utilizes federal funds to establish an approved community development program that is determined to assist a public purpose. This Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Action Plan and Chapter 373 Community Development Program (the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Plans) are one-year strategic plans that describe community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities to be undertaken under certain Federal housing and community development grants programs in accordance with Chapter 373, Texas Local Government Code.

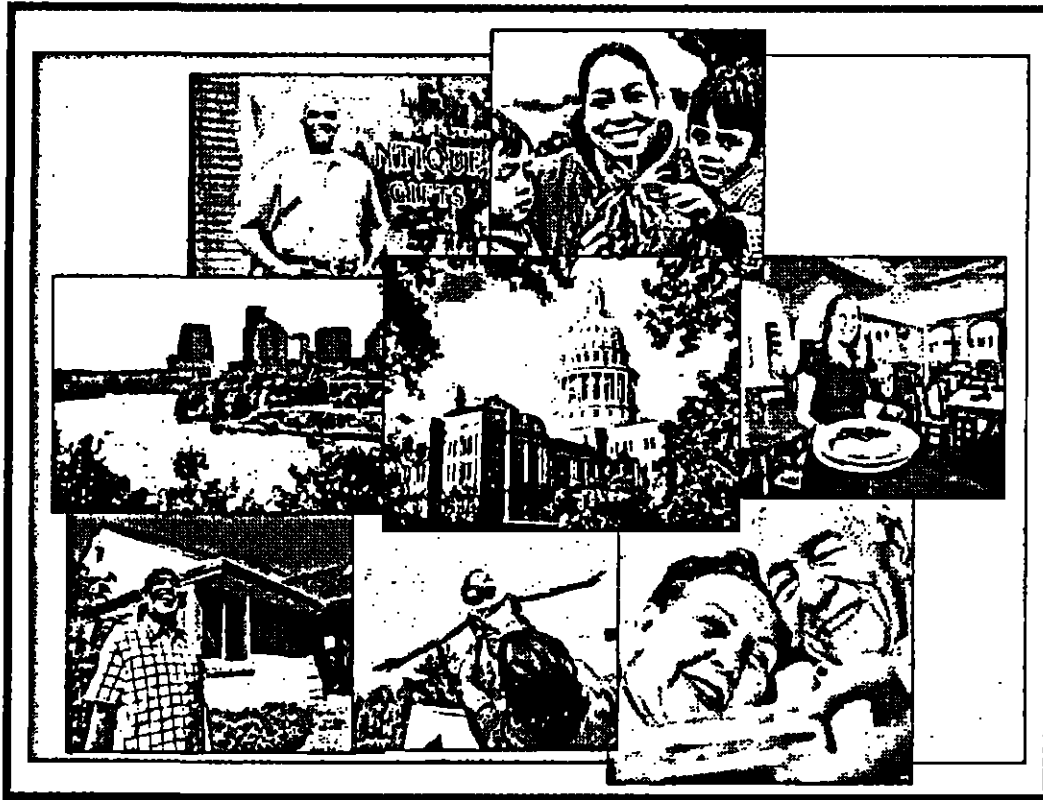
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and state law require that the public have opportunities to participate in the development of the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Plans through two City Council public hearings and a thirty-day written citizen comment period. The City provides further opportunities by conducting two Community Development Commission (CDC) public hearings. The first set of public hearings on needs assessment was conducted by Council on March 23, 2006 and by the Community Development Commission on March 29, 2006. The Community Development Commission conducted a second public hearing to receive comment on needs assessment on May 9, 2006. A public hearing on the draft Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Action Plan was conducted by the Community Development Commission on May 24, 2006.

This public hearing on the draft Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Plans is the second public hearing conducted by the Council. The City must submit its Council

approved Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Action Plan to HUD by August 15, 2006.

Notice of the public hearings is published in three local newspapers.

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CITY OF AUSTIN ACTION PLAN 2006-07

Year 3 of Consolidated Plan 2004-09

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Annual Action Plan

Fiscal Year 2006-2007



City of Austin, Texas

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Vision and Mission

City of Austin Vision

To be the most livable community in the country

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD)

Department Mission:

To provide housing, community development, and small business development services to benefit eligible residents so they can have access to livable neighborhoods and increase their opportunities for self-sufficiency.

To accomplish this mission, NHCD directly administers a variety of programs to serve the community's housing, community development, and economic development needs and provides grant funding to various agencies and non-profit organizations.

Federal law requires that housing and community development grant funds primarily benefit low- and moderate- income persons in accordance with the following HUD goals:

National Goals

Provide a suitable living environment

This includes improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods; increasing access to quality facilities and services; reducing the isolation of income groups within areas by de-concentrating housing opportunities and revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods; restoring and preserving natural and physical features of special value for historic, architectural, or aesthetic reasons; and conserving energy resources.

Provide decent housing

Included within this broad goal are the following: assist homeless persons in obtaining affordable housing; retain the affordable housing stock; increase the availability of permanent housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income Americans without discrimination; and increase supportive housing that includes structural features and services to enable persons with special needs to live in dignity.

Expand economic opportunities

Within this goal are creating jobs accessible to low- and very low-income persons; providing access to credit for community development that promotes long-term economic and social viability; and empowering low-income persons in federally assisted and public housing to achieve self-sufficiency. The City of Austin's vision is to be the most livable community in the country.

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Lead Agency

The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD) is designated by the City as the single point of contact with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and lead agency for the grant administration of the CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG programs. The City designates NHCD to be the program administrator for CDBG and HOME programs. The City designates the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) as the program administrator for the HOPWA and ESG programs.

As the single point of contact for HUD, NHCD is responsible for developing the 5-Year Consolidated and Annual Action Plans. NHCD works with the HHSD, the Community Development Commission (CDC), and the Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council (HIV Planning Council).

Annual HUD Process

Consolidated Plan

Every three to five years, the City of Austin is required by law to prepare a Consolidated Plan in order to receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Austin's Consolidated Plan spanning fiscal years 2004-05 through 2008-09 is the City's blueprint for addressing the community's most critical housing and community development needs. Consistent with research and public comments, increasing affordable housing and creating jobs were named Austin's highest priorities.

Action Plan

For each succeeding year, the City of Austin is required to prepare a one-year Action Plan to notify citizens and HUD of the City's intended actions during that particular fiscal year. This Plan includes citizen input and is due to the HUD Field Office in San Antonio, Texas no later than August 15, annually. The Action Plan for fiscal year 2006-07 is the City's annual strategy for addressing the community's critical housing and community development needs. This plan was developed under the guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and it serves as the application for four formula grant programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG);
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME);
- Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA), and;
- Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

CAPER

At the end of each fiscal year, the City must also prepare a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to provide

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information to HUD and citizens about that year's accomplishments. This information allows HUD, City officials, and the public to evaluate the City's performance and determine whether the activities undertaken during the fiscal year helped to meet the City's five-year goals and to address priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. This annual performance report, prepared with public review and comment, must be submitted to HUD annually no later than December 31.

Electronic Reports and Publications

All public documents are available online for download at the City of Austin's Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department's website:
www.ci.austin.tx.us/housing/publications.htm.

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Consolidated Plan Priorities

Priorities for Funding

During the 2004-09 Consolidated Planning Process, the City of Austin determined priorities for federal funding. HUD defines high priorities as those programs which will be funded in a program year. Medium priorities are those that will only be funded if funding becomes available, and low priorities are those that will not be funded in a program year. The City of Austin has determined that while infrastructure is a need in the community and an eligible expense of CDBG funds, CDBG funds will be used instead for housing and community development. Therefore, infrastructure is a low priority in Austin.

Consolidated Plan Priorities FY 2004-09

Priority Name	Priority
Owner-occupied	High
Homebuyer Assistance	High
Rental	High
Assisted	High
Public Housing	N/A
Transitional	High
Emergency/Homeless Shelter	High
Small Business Development	High
Commercial Revitalization	High
Public Services (Neighborhood Revitalization)	High
Public Facilities	Medium
Infrastructure	Low

Method for establishing priorities

The citizens of Austin were instrumental in developing the priorities in the Consolidated Plan FY 2005-09, which is a result of almost a year of activity by the City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD).

1. City staff drew on authoritative sources to provide a quantitative analysis of housing and community development needs.
2. An independent consultant was hired to evaluate impediments to fair housing choice and assess the needs of special populations.
3. Staff also conducted five public hearings at which more than 115 people testified.
4. Staff held seven consultations meetings with service providers from housing, elderly services, child care, youth services, fair housing, economic development, small businesses, neighborhood revitalization projects, Housing Authorities, and other government agencies.
5. The City collected 1,029 citizen surveys; and received 20 letters from the public during the written comment period on community needs.
6. The Planning staff made several presentations of all the data gathered through the four months of needs assessment activities.

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7. Professional program staff used this information to evaluate existing programs, then to project future demand and capacity in priority areas.
8. Upon presentation of the draft Consolidated Plan, additional comment was received at two public hearings and in 39 letters. This comment was considered in the final preparation for the plan and in establishing priorities.

The market study was prepared for the discussion of priorities, and details these general trends. The information received from various forms of citizen participation underscores the changes that have occurred in the market. The priorities identified and recommendations included in the following document balance public desires for current or new programs with existing commitments and funding realities.

Given this input and the current funding reality, the City of Austin will focus its programs on serving fundamental needs of the Austin community during the next five years: housing, through the various stages of the housing continuum; and employment, through small business development, commercial revitalization and public services. Public Facilities has been designated a medium priority, as no new funding is proposed within the next five years, although a large share of new CDBG funding (\$1.2 million, or 13%) is already committed to debt service on two existing public facilities, the Millennium Youth Center and the Austin Resource for the Homeless. NHCD may partner with community members to provide facility space through other funding sources and mechanisms.

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Priorities, Goals and Strategies

OVERALL GOAL: Assist over 40,000 eligible households with services that lead to self-sufficiency annually by 2009 as measured by:										
Consolidated Plan Housing Goal: Over 6,000 households will gain and/or retain housing annually using the following strategies										
CONSOLIDATED PLAN STRATEGIES										
Strategy A. Provide housing services through a continuum from homelessness to homeownership.										
Accomplishment: Please refer to the following accomplishments for each step of the housing continuum.										
Strategy	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Families	Accomplishments FY 2004-05		Proposed Accomplishments Annual Goals				Total House holds	Funding Sources
			Proposed	Actual	2006	2007	2008	2009		
B. Owner Occupied - Provide opportunities for households to retain their homes through rehabilitation and construction.										
Owner-occupied	High	Small Family/ Large Family/ Elderly/ Disabled	940	1050	940	850	940	940	4,810	CDBG, HOME, HTF, HAF, LHCG
C. Homebuyer - Provide opportunities for homebuyers through financing and construction to access S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ produced by non-profits and for-profit housing developers.										
Homebuyer Assistance	High	Small Family/ Large Family	274	220	274	166	274	274	1,316	CDBG, HOME, GF, HTF, HAF, ADDI
D. Rental – Provide resources to non-profit/for-profit housing developers to construct S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ rental units and rehabilitate existing rental units.										
Rental	High	Small/Large Family/ Elderly/Disabled	283	284	275	271	275	275	1,384	CDBG, HOME, HTF, GF
Strategy	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Families	Accomplishments FY 2004-05		Proposed Accomplishments Annual Goals				Total House holds	Funding Sources
F. Assisted – Provide resources to eligible households to access or retain affordable rental units.										
Assisted	High	Homeless; people with HIV/AIDS	749	613	749	610	749	749	3,609	HOME, HTF, HOPWA
Public Housing	N/A	All types of cost-burdened housing	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
			Proposed	Actual	2006	2007	2008	2009		
G. Transitional - Assist eligible households in securing and non-profit organizations in creating limited-term housing and supportive services.										
Transitional	High	There are no programs that	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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		are strictly transitional.								
H. Emergency and Homeless Shelters – Assist eligible persons in securing and non-profits in creating emergency shelter and homeless shelter opportunities and supportive services.										
Emergency Homeless Shelter	High	Homeless, chronic homeless	2,320	8,220	2320	5702	2320	2320	15,500	ESG
		Sub-total	4,592	8,387	4,558	5702	4,558	4,558	26,619	Subtotal:
Other Funded Projects										
S.M.A.R.T. Housing™	N/A		1,500	1725	1,500	1,750	1,500	1500	7,725	
Bonds	N/A		182	227	108	60	172	144	823	
		Sub-total	1,692	1,952	1,608	1,810	1,672	1,644	8,548	Subtotal:
TOTAL ALL HOUSING PROGRAMS			6,284	10,339	6,166	8,684	6,230	6,202	35,167	

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Priorities and Proposed Accomplishments FY 2004-09: Community Development

OVERALL GOAL: Assist over 40,000 eligible households with services that lead to self-sufficiency annually by 2009 as measured by:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GOAL: Assist over 30,000 low-income households annually using the following strategies:

Type of Community Development Strategy	Priorities for Federal Funds	Type of Household Served	Proposed Accomplishments: Annual Goals					Total Households	Funding Sources
			2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09		
Commercial Revitalization	High	Low to moderate income	3,269	3,269	3,306	3,269	3,269	16,345	CDBG
Small Business Development	High	Small Business Owners	300	266	62	261	258	1,364	CDBG
Public Services (Neighborhood Revitalization)	High	Low to moderate income	34,544	34,924	30,996	33,585	32,209	164,269	CDBG
Public Facilities**	Medium		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Infrastructure***	Low		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
			38,113	38,459	34,644	36,953	35,736	181,978	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS

** Public Facilities was designated as a Medium priority, which using HUD's definition means that this category will not be funded unless there are funds available, at which time, there will have to be a reprogramming to re-prioritize this category as a high priority.

***Infrastructure: The City of Austin will not use any CDBG funds on infrastructure.

N/A = Not applicable.

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Leveraging Resources

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department Funding Sources

In fiscal year 2005-06, the City received \$14.4 million from HUD through four formula grants. HUD estimates the City of Austin's allocation for FY 2006-07 to be \$13.3 million. Funds are provided through four entitlement grants with amounts determined by statutory formulas: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI); Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG); and Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA). Non-entitlement grants are secured by the City through a competitive process.

Federal Funds		Funding Level
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (PL 93-383)		\$7,631,041
CDBG Program Income		\$922,084
CDBG Revolving Fund		\$510,000
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) (PL 102-625)		\$4,256,958
HOME Program Income		\$2,000,140
American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI)		\$101,815
Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG) (PL 102-550)		\$326,062
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA) (PL 102-550)		\$940,000
Subtotal Federal Funds		\$16,688,100
City of Austin Proposed General Fund		Funding Level
Operating Funds/Housing Fund		\$2,432,783
General Fund S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ CIP		\$1,956,693
Housing Trust Fund		\$1,000,000
University Overlay- Housing Trust Fund		\$0
Subtotal City of Austin Proposed General Fund		\$5,389,476
TOTAL		\$22,077,576

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Community Development Block Grant

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended. The primary objective of CDBG is the development of viable communities by a) providing decent housing, b) suitable living environment, c) and expanding economic opportunities.

To achieve these goals, any activity funded with CDBG must meet one of three national objectives:

- Benefit to low- and moderate- income persons
- Aid in the prevention of slums or blights
- Meet a need having a particular urgent need (referred to as urgent need)

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

The HOME Program was created by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (NAHA), and has been amended several times by subsequent legislation. There are three objectives of the HOME Program:

- (a) Expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing to very low and low income individuals;
- (b) To mobilize and strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing to very low and low income individuals; and
- (c) Leverage private sector participation and expand the capacity of nonprofit housing providers.

American Dream Down-Payment Initiative

The American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) was signed into law by President Bush on December 16, 2003 under the American Dream Down payment Act (Public Law 108-186) (ADDI statute). Funds made available under the ADDI statute will be allocated to eligible HOME program participating jurisdictions (PJ) to assist low-income households become first-time homebuyers.

Emergency Shelter Grant

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) awards grants for the rehabilitation or conversion of buildings into homeless shelters. It also funds certain related social services, operating expenses, homeless prevention activities, and administrative costs. Austin uses ESG for shelter operating expenses, essential services (supportive services concerned with employment, health, drug abuse, and education), or homelessness prevention activities. ESG supplements state, local, and private efforts to improve the quality and number of emergency homeless shelters. By funding emergency shelter and related social services, ESG provides a foundation for homeless people to begin moving to independent living.

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Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

The HOPWA Program was established by HUD to address the specific needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. HOPWA makes grants to local communities, states, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families. HOPWA funding provides housing assistance and related supportive services as part of HUD's Consolidated Planning initiative that works in partnership with communities and neighborhoods in managing federal funds appropriated to HIV/AIDS programs.

Economic Development Initiative

Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds are non-entitlement federal grant funds. NHCD has received three EDI grants. One is to be used to for the Community Development Façade Improvement Program in the East 11th and 12th Street Redevelopment area, Two EDI grants are used to promote the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Policy Initiative across the country.

Section 108 loans

Section 108 is a loan guarantee provision of the Community Development Block Grant program that HUD offers to local governments that allows them access to non-entitlement CDBG funds used as federally guaranteed loans to pursue large physical and economic revitalization projects that can renew entire neighborhoods. NOTE: The City of Austin is applying for an additional loan of \$3,000,000 through Section 108 for the 2005-06 Fiscal Year. However, at the time of this document, the City has not received approval of funding. If successful in receiving this loan, the City will utilize the funds for the Commercial Management Project under the Community and Economic Development Program.

Operating Funds/ Housing Funds

Operating Funds/Housing Funds are local funds from the City of Austin used to carry out the operation/mission of City departments.

General Funds

General Fund Capital Improvement Program (CIP) are local funds from the City of Austin used to construct affordable housing.

Housing Trust Fund

The City of Austin provides \$1,143,229 for the Housing Trust Fund, a key component of the City's social-equity initiative funded through the City's General Fund. In FY 2005-06, there is also funding in the Housing Trust Fund from the University Overlay Fund.

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Leveraging Resources

Federal requirements define leveraging as "other" public and private resources that address needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The table below shows the estimated non-federal funds to be leveraged by program. For homeownership programs, leveraging is the total amount of the mortgage loan minus the amount of assistance. For rental programs, leveraging is the total project funding minus the amount of assistance.

Programs	Fund Source	Estimated Units	Estimated Leveraging
Homeownership Development	HOME	85	\$ 2,469,000
Homebuyer Assistance	HOME	166	\$ 15,726,000
Rental Housing Dev. Assistance	HOME/CDBG /HTF	181	\$ 11,432,000
TOTAL- FEDERAL FUNDED		432	\$ 29,627,000
Single Family Bonds		60	\$ 6,900,000
TOTAL- NON-FEDERAL		60	\$ 6,900,000

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ALL FUNDING SOURCES					
	Funding Source	FY 05-06 Estimated CarryForward	Funding FY06-07	Projected Program Level FY06-07 (Estimated plus Funding FY06-06)	Households Served
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT					
Homeless/Emergency Shelter					
Shelter Operation and Maintenance.....	ESG	-	217,087	217,087	6,867
Homeless Essential Services.....	ESG	-	92,672	92,672	35
Subtotal, Homeless/Emergency Shelter.....		-	309,759	309,759	6,702
Assisted Housing					
Tenant-based rental assistance.....	HOME	107,829	400,000	507,829	105
Administration	PI (HOME)	-	50,763	50,763	-
	HTF	249,171	-	249,171	-
Subtotal, TBRA.....		356,800	450,763	507,663	105
Housing for People with HIV/AIDS:					
Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance.....	HOPWA	-	649,270	649,270	450
Residential Support Services.....	HOPWA	-	262,800	262,800	65
Subtotal, HIV/AIDS Housing.....		-	912,070	912,070	505
Subtotal, Assisted Housing.....		356,800	1,362,833	1,719,833	610
Rental Housing:					
Rental Development Services					
Rental Hg. Development Assistance.....	HOME	-	1,589,828	1,589,828	181
	HOME (CHDO)	300,000	-	300,000	-
	CDBG	370,098	285,318	655,414	-
	UNO	37,824	-	37,824	-
	HTF	39,598	1,000,000	1,039,598	-
Subtotal, Rental Housing Dev. Asst.....		747,518	2,875,144	3,622,662	181
Architectural Barrier Program	CDBG	-	270,000	270,000	90
Voluntary Compliance Agreement.....	GF-CIP	-	34,000	34,000	1,000
Anderson Hill Redevelopment					
Rental	PI (HOME)	600,000	1,200,000	1,800,000	-
Subtotal, Anderson Hill Redevelopment		600,000	1,200,000	1,800,000	-
Subtotal, Rental Housing.....		1,347,518	4,379,144	5,726,662	1,271
Homebuyer Services					
Homebuyer Assistance					
Down Payment Assistance.....	HOME	1,237,880	158,366	1,396,246	166
	PI (HOME)	-	250,000	250,000	-
	ADDI	-	101,815	101,815	-
Subtotal, Homebuyer Lending.....		1,237,880	510,181	1,748,061	166
Homeownership Development					
Acquisition & Development.....		-	-	-	40
	HOME	-	64,853	64,853	-
	CDBG-Rev. Loan	128,925	400,000	528,925	-
	HAF	914,190	-	914,190	-
	GF-CIP	-	896,893	896,893	-
	HOME Match	-	350,000	350,000	-
	HOME CHDO	-	638,544	638,544	-
	PI (HOME)	500,000	449,377	949,377	-
Subtotal, Acq. & Development (owner)....		1,541,115	2,799,467	4,340,582	40
CHDO Capacity Building	HOME (CHDO)	-	125,000	125,000	20
Anderson Hill Redevelopment					
Juniper/Olive Street Housing Project	PI (CDBG)	558,400	-	558,400	10
Homeownership	HOME	1,017,797	-	1,017,797	15
Subtotal, Anderson Hill Redevelopment		1,576,197	-	1,576,197	25
Subtotal, Homeownership Development..		3,117,312	2,924,467	6,041,779	65
Subtotal, Homebuyer Services.....		4,355,192	3,434,648	7,789,840	251
Owner-Occupied Housing:					
Housing Rehabilitation Services					
Architectural Barrier Program	CDBG	167,158	1,157,374	1,324,532	360
Emergency Repair Program.....	CDBG	-	855,000	855,000	450
Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program ..	CDBG	-	-	-	-
	CDBG-Rev Loan	-	-	-	-
	PI (HOME)	564,478	50,000	614,478	-
	HOME	2,174,312	854,674	3,028,986	30
Subtotal, Homeowner Moderate Rehab...		2,738,790	904,674	3,643,464	30
Materials Grants Program.....	HTF	16,875	-	16,875	10
Subtotal, Materials Grants Program.....		16,875	-	16,875	10
Subtotal, Owner-Occupied Housing.....		2,952,823	2,917,048	5,869,871	850
SUBTOTAL, Housing.....		8,012,333	12,403,432	21,416,765	8,884

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	Funding Source	FY 05-06 Estimated CarryForward	Funding FY06-07	Projected Program Level FY06-07 (Estimated plus Funding FY06-06)	Households Served
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT					
Small Business Development					
Community Development Bank.....	CDBG		104,265	104,265	3
Micro enterprise Technical Assistance.....	CDBG		141,703	141,703	28
Neighborhood Commercial Mgmt.....	CDBG	185,491	-	185,491	15
	Section 108	350,000	-	350,000	10
Subtotal Neigh Commercial Management.....		515,491	-	515,491	25
Small Minority Business Assistance.....	CDBG		185,935	185,935	6
Subtotal, Small Business Development.....		515,491	437,903	947,394	82
Commercial Revitalization					
East 11/12th Streets Revitalization.....	CDBG	-	673,625	673,625	3,306
Administration	CDBG	-	110,000	110,000	-
	PI (CDBG)	60,925	922,084	983,009	-
	Section 108	912,402	-	912,402	-
	EDI	257,815	-	257,815	-
Subtotal, Commercial Revitalization.....		1,231,142	1,605,709	2,836,851	3,306
Neighborhood Revitalization (Public Services)					
Child Care Services.....	CDBG		604,980	604,980	285
	PI (CDBG)	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Child Care Services.....		-	604,980	604,980	285
English as a Second Language*	GF	-	-	-	-
Tenants' Rights Assistance.....	CDBG		238,434	238,434	549
Housing Information and referral.....	CDBG		23,045	23,045	28,977
(Homebuyer Counseling)	HTF	300,000	-	300,000	-
Subtotal HIRS		300,000	23,045	323,045	28,977
Neighborhood Support Services.....	CDBG	102,646	-	102,646	3,500
Senior Services.....	CDBG	-	110,340	110,340	169
Youth Support Services.....	CDBG	-	167,857	167,857	105
Subtotal, Public Services.....		402,646	1,144,856	1,547,502	33,585
Debt Services					
Homeless Shelter, Debt Service.....	CDBG	-	453,523	453,523	-
Neighborhood Commercial Mgmt Debt Serv	CDBG Rev Loan	-	110,000	110,000	-
	PI- Section 108	-	124,706	124,706	-
Subtotal, Neighborhood Commercial Mgmt Debt Service		-	234,706	234,706	-
East 11/12th Streets Revital., Debt Service....	CDBG	-	784,594	784,594	-
Millennium Youth Center, Debt Service.....	CDBG	-	747,535	747,535	-
Subtotal, Debt Service.....		-	2,200,358	2,200,358	-
SUBTOTAL, Community Development.....		2,149,279	5,382,626	7,631,905	36,953
ADMINISTRATION					
	CDBG	-	837,513	837,513	-
	HOME	-	425,695	425,695	-
	ESG	-	16,303	16,303	-
	HOPWA	-	27,930	27,930	-
	GF	-	2,432,783	2,432,783	-
SUBTOTAL, Administration.....		-	3,740,224	3,740,224	-
HOUSING POLICY					
S.M.A.R.T. Housing Review Team.....	GF-CIP	-	486,000	486,000	-
S.M.A.R.T. Housing Austin Energy Payment..	GF-CIP	-	560,000	560,000	-
S.M.A.R.T. Housing Initiative.....	EDI	120,165	-	120,165	-
SUBTOTAL, HOUSING POLICY.....		120,165	1,026,000	1,146,165	1,760
SUBTOTAL, Grant and Local Funding.....		11,281,777	22,852,282	33,834,069	47,387
HOUSING BOND PROGRAMS					
Single Family Bond Programs.....		-	-	-	60
SUBTOTAL, Housing Bond Programs.....		-	-	-	60
TOTAL, ALL PROGRAMS.....		11,281,777	22,852,282	33,834,069	47,447

*To be funded through Health and Human Services Department (H-HSD)



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The Action Plan is a one-year strategic plan that describes community needs, resources, priorities and proposed activities under certain federal housing and community development grant programs. The Action Plan FY 2006-07 must show progress toward meeting the goals established in the Consolidated Plan 2004-2009. Austin's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), revised by City Council on January 29, 2004, outlines the following procedures for the Action Plan's needs assessment:

- NHCD will gather statistical data, and input from citizens and consultations; and
- Conduct two public hearings: one before the Community Development Commission and one before the City Council.

In order to fulfill these requirements in planning for the Action Plan 2006-07, NHCD will undertake a community needs assessment that will include:

- 1) Four public hearings: Two public hearings during the needs assessment; and two public hearings on the Draft Action Plan;
- 2) Community collaboration with neighborhood groups and stakeholders;
- 3) Quantitative analysis using market indicators established from the Consolidated Plan Needs Assessment FY 2004-09.

The CPP stipulates that there shall be a public hearing held before the Community Development Commission and one held before the City Council during the needs assessment stage of the Action Plan process. These public hearings were advertised in local papers and reported in the draft Action Plan FY 2006-07. The testimony from these hearings can be found in Appendix III.

The Community Development Commission (CDC) and the Austin City Council held public hearings to gather information from citizens on the community's housing and economic development needs and priorities. These hearings were held:

- Thursday, March 23rd at 6:00 PM at the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 301 W. Second St.
- Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30 PM at the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 301 W. Second St. Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 PM at Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office Street-Jones Building, 1000 E. 11th St., room 400A

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- Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 PM at Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office Street-Jones Building, 1000 E. 11th St., room 400A

The CDC and the City Council conducted two public hearings on the draft Action Plan.

- Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30 PM at City Hall, City Council Chambers, 301 W. Second St.
- Thursday, May 25th at 6:00 PM at City Hall, City Council Chambers, 301 W. Second St.

A summary of testimony from the public will be used to help the City identify community needs and allocate funding accordingly and can be found in the Appendix III. [NOTE: Public comments are welcome at any weekly City Council hearing and at monthly CDC meetings.]

In order to obtain input from non-English speaking individuals, minorities and people with disabilities, the public is notified of these activities through English and Spanish advertisements in local newspapers, and email alerts distributed to the Community Action Network and other community members.

NHCD conducted a housing needs assessment to prepare the Consolidated Plan FY 2004-09, and NHCD will annually update this needs assessment to reflect new information obtained from the American Community Survey, the Texas A&M Real Estate Center, and other sources. Below you will find examples of indicators to be updated:

- Unemployment Rates;
- Home Sales by Price Range;
- Population data including racial and cultural indicators;
- Geographic distribution; etc.

This information is periodically presented to City staff in reports and trainings written or facilitated by NHCD staff.

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department works to maintain and nurture relationships with neighborhood groups and service providers in low- to moderate- income communities by attending numerous meetings and events. In preparation for the Action Plan FY 2006-07, NHCD worked to assess community needs using reports, studies, and consultations with housing non-profits and developers, community members, mental health social service providers; homeless service providers; government agencies, and the public housing authorities.

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Community Development Commission

The Community Development Commission (CDC) participates in the development and review of federally-funded programs through Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office and Health and Human Services Department. A primary purpose of the CDC is to secure broad community involvement in policy discussions about community needs and to make recommendations to the City Council on the allocation of CDBG and HOME funds. The CDC has a Housing Committee which focuses on housing policies and strategies.

Community Action Network

There are numerous subgroups that meet under the CAN framework with information and reports used to complete the needs assessment. These groups are: Youth Services, Victim Services, Workforce Development, Aging Services, Basic Needs, Early Education and Care, Education, Homelessness, Housing, Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities, Public Safety, Wellness, Physical Health, Adult Mental Health, Children's Mental Health, and Substance Abuse.

CAN is divided into issue areas: aging, basic needs, early education and care, education, wellness, mental retardation and developmental disabilities, public safety and workforce development, homeless, alcohol and drug addiction, and housing.

Community Action Network: Homeless Task Force

The City has representatives on the Community Action Network Homeless Task Force and Resource Council. The Community Action Network is a large network of social service providers in the City of Austin that focuses on achieving sustainable social, health, educational and economic outcomes through engaging the community in a coordinated planning and implementation process. This optimizes private and individual actions and resources. Staff from NHCD is also on a subcommittee of the Homeless Task Force, the End Chronic Homelessness Organizing Group.

Public Housing Authorities

Representatives from the Public Housing Authorities and the City of Austin meet regularly to coordinate programs, such as the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program, the Resident Support Services programs at the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA), and other community initiatives. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department coordinates with HACA to inform public housing residents of affordable housing programs offered through the City of Austin.

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Disaster Housing Assistance Program

The City of Austin converted its Convention Center into a temporary shelter for Katrina evacuees at the beginning of September, 2005. A project worksheet was developed with FEMA to administer a temporary housing program through the Public Assistance Title of the Act. More than 1,800 households were assisted with utilities and rental housing through this program. In addition, NHCD and other City departments helped staff the Austin Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), facilitated numerous workforce development activities, provided social worker contact with evacuee households, and held several forums for Katrina evacuees. Needs assessment information and public input specific to the evacuees remaining in Austin was gathered through these forums as well as the individual social worker assessments.

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NHCD OVERALL GOAL: Assist over 40,000 eligible families with services that lead to self-sufficiency annually by 2009 as measured by:

Strategies:

Implement housing affordability components of adopted neighborhood plans, master plans and identified priority neighborhoods.

A significant component of Austin's housing strategy for the next five years will be implementing housing affordability components of neighborhood plans and master plans adopted by the City Council in recent years.

The Neighborhood Planning Process and Master Plan process includes extensive community input prior to City Council adoption and may include goals related to housing affordability and gentrification mitigation. During the process of developing the plans, members of the community work with City staff to address the local issues and concerns that affect them, their families, and their neighbors. All stakeholders of the neighborhood are invited to participate – business owners, renters, residents, property owners, and various community organizations and institutions. The neighborhood planning process addresses land use, transportation, services and infrastructure, and urban design issues. The goal of neighborhood planning is for diverse interests to come together and develop a shared vision for their community. A neighborhood plan:

- Represents the views of all the stakeholders that make a community;
- Identifies neighborhood strengths and assets;
- Identifies neighborhood needs and concerns;
- Establishes goals for improving the neighborhood;
- Recommends specific action items to reach those goals.

NHCD will work to respond to the housing affordability components of adopted neighborhood plans and City task force reports on gentrification mitigation in the next five years by providing S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ incentives and other housing program resources for new single-family and multi-family developments. In addition, NHCD will offer other housing services in order to implement the goals of the respective plans and task force reports.

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There are Acquisition and Development projects planned in the following neighborhoods outlined in the Action Plan 2006-07. Some of them are in neighborhoods with adopted neighborhood plans. Efforts in areas without adopted neighborhood plans or Master plans may also be in priority neighborhoods. A priority neighborhood is defined as a specific neighborhood or geographic area designated by the City in which priority, but not exclusive, consideration for funding projects or activities may be provided. Priority neighborhoods are defined by the amount of eligible census tracts in each neighborhood area.

HUD defines an eligible census tract as having the following components:

- 50 percent of its households with incomes below 80 percent of the Area Median Gross Income; or
- Having a poverty rate of 25 percent.

To the greatest extent feasible, designated priority areas are given first consideration for funding for like activities or projects in other eligible areas. However, the City retains the flexibility to fund projects or activities outside of priority areas when it is in the best interest of the City and its programs.

Central East Austin

In the Central East Austin neighborhood, the City will continue single-family and town home construction housing and rehabilitation of existing housing in the Anderson Hill neighborhood. The City will continue partnering with CHDOs for housing development in the Central East Austin neighborhood.

Montopolis Neighborhood

The Montopolis neighborhood will be the site of a new single-family housing development. The new subdivision improvements are now under construction and expected to be completed by September of 2006. The NHCD through AHFC is partnering with several non-profit housing builders to construct 81 homes that will serve families at 80% or below MFI. Home construction will begin in September of 2006.

East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard planning area will be the site of new homeownership opportunities on surplus City land and private lots deeded to the Austin Housing Finance Corporation.

St. Johns neighborhood

The City will continue partnering with non-profits and CHDOs for housing development in the St. Johns neighborhood.

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The following neighborhood projects are in various stages of planning, and are not receiving federal funds in FY 2006-07.

In 2006, the schedule for addressing the needs of Austin's low- to moderate-income residents in additional neighborhood plan areas will be adjusted to reflect current opportunities. The balance of neighborhood planning areas that have adopted housing affordability components will receive assistance based on City Council priorities and funding availability.

The City will continue to assist Community Housing Development organizations and other non-profit organizations that implement the housing affordability strategies in the respective neighborhood planning areas.

Govalle neighborhood

This neighborhood is currently an area where senior rental housing serving families at or below 50% Median Family Income (MFI) has been completed on surplus City land created through the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Policy and on land donated by a landowner with construction partially funded by the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). Govalle will be the site of additional homeownership and rental opportunities.

Colony Park:

The Colony Park project will be located on 208 acres of land located approximately ten miles northeast of downtown Austin. The development concept for Colony Park is to create a sustainable, mixed-use, mixed income community with a strong neighborhood identity that will mesh with the character of the existing nearby residential areas. The City of Austin through the Austin Housing Finance Corporation will increase opportunities for homeownership and encourage the presence of a variety of income levels, thereby enriching the fiber of the neighborhood. The residents of Colony Park will live within walking distance of a new City park, with a new recreational center, a new elementary school scheduled to open Fall of 2007, and retail space that will be developed as part of the project.

Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Redevelopment:

This property will be redeveloping over the next several years and represents the largest mixed-income, infill project in Austin's history. In addition, the City will continue to explore the potential use of community land trusts and other tools so that the affordability goals established by the City Council can be achieved. There will be no federal expenditures in the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Saltillo Station Area Plan Redevelopment:

We anticipate that a great deal of new development will be occurring along this important East Austin corridor. Integration of new development with the existing neighborhood and other revitalization efforts will be critical to

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ensuring its ultimate success. Capital Metro, as one of the largest landowners along this corridor, will be a key player in the redevelopment along the rail lines. Planning for this will occur in conjunction with the Saltillo Station Area Plan required by the Council-adopted Transit-Oriented Development Ordinance approved in 2005.

Central East Austin Revitalization Area

The City of Austin has presented a proposal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for additional funds to be used in the support of the ongoing redevelopment activities in Central East Austin. Along with the 11th & 12th Streets Revitalization Project, federal funds would be used to implement projects identified in the adopted neighborhood plans for the Chestnut, Rosewood and Central East Austin Planning Areas.

Interdepartmental Community Service Teams:

Greater inter-departmental coordination could improve service delivery. Currently there is some overlap and duplication of efforts among City departments that provide direct services to neighborhoods. A proactive Service Delivery Team could provide the needed venue for greater communication and coordination. Meetings have been held with several City departments to develop a system of coordination and process improvements have been implemented.

Chicon Urban Renewal Plan:

The existing 11th & 12th Street Urban Renewal Plan will be expanded to include portion of Chicon Street. Efforts are being made to move forward to revise the plan to include this expansion.

East 7th Street:

The second of three major redevelopment corridors in East Austin (along with 11th & 12th Streets and 4th and 5th streets), East 7th Street will have an additional focus of community development activities over the next four to five years.

Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Station Area Plan

This long-vacant brown-fields site near the Chestnut neighborhood has been proposed for redevelopment. The site is large enough to support a variety of neighborhood-enhancing commercial, residential and mixed-use buildings. The planning for this will occur in conjunction with the MLK Station Area Plan required by the Council-adopted Transit-Oriented Development Ordinance approved in 2005. Some private, for-profit S.M.A.R.T. Housing development began on this site in 2006.

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Community Preservation and Revitalization Zone

The City Council approved the Community Preservation and Revitalization Program (Resolution 20050428-043) on April 28, 2005. The CP & R identifies tools designed to mitigate gentrification pressures in East Austin neighborhoods, without concentrating poverty in historically low income neighborhoods. S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ developments in Central East Austin, Montopolis, East Martin Luther King, Jr, Govalle, Saltillo Station, and Featherlite Station are all located in the Community Preservation and Revitalization Zone.

General Obligation Bonds

The City may include an affordable housing element of the bond package scheduled for voter consideration in November 2006.

African American Quality of Life Initiative

The City of Austin African American Quality of Life Scorecard is a document that was produced based on community dialogue about race relations and the description by those in the African American community about a different quality of life experience than those of other ethnicities.

This scorecard focused on two basic questions:

1. Is the quality of life for African Americans in Austin different than that of other Austinites?
2. Is the quality of life for African Americans in Austin markedly different than the quality of life of African-Americans in other cities?

The results of the African American Quality of Life Scorecard were presented to the Austin City Council on March 24, 2005. This analysis of comparative indicators, done by the City's demographer, kicked off a facilitated community discussion over the next 60 days about African American quality of life in Austin

On June 23, 2005 Austin City Council adopted a document entitled "A Community Position Paper on the City of Austin's Study of the Quality of Life for African Americans." The document can be read at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/aascorecard/>. The document included recommendations for short-term and intermediate-term solutions prioritized into six areas:

- Arts, Culture, & Entertainment
- Business & Economic Development
- Employment & Education
- Health
- Neighborhood Sustainability
- Police & Safety

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Based on these recommendations, City staff, with assistance from community members, was directed to develop an action plan to address each of the recommendations. On October 6, 2005, the City Manager reported to Council on the strategies to address African-American concerns as part of the City's overall economic development program. This process is currently on going. To date the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD) has continued to meet with the community to develop action plans based on these strategies. In addition, NHCD has scheduled a special public hearing to hear about needs for economic development as part of our Community Planning and Development (CPD) process.

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Federal regulations require that jurisdictions include in their annual plans discussion of how the community will use HUD grant funds in conjunction with other HUD monies and community resources to improve the lives of residents who earn low- to moderate- incomes. The Federal requirement leads each section in bold and italics; the descriptions that follow explain major initiatives underway or planned to begin in fiscal year 2006-07 to meet that directive.

Address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

- **Continuum of Housing Services.** In an effort to coordinate services, improve housing services for our residents, and better leverage housing resources, the City of Austin developed a continuum of housing services. This Continuum serves as the framework for investment to link housing programs through the community and to assist residents in moving into the private housing market. The continuum uses S.M.A.R.T.™ Housing as its foundation and extends across eight categories: homelessness, emergency shelter, transitional housing, public housing, assisted housing, rental housing, first-time homebuyer housing, and owner-occupied housing. The City uses this framework to assess housing needs and encourage the development of programs to address gaps or complement private and nonprofit sector activities. Coordination of services in order to create a "stairway to self-sufficiency" serves as the foundation of an investment strategy for housing activities. This housing continuum allows us to evaluate how our programs assist residents in moving toward self-sufficiency. Also, and more importantly, it provides a framework for collaboration and partnerships among formally competing interests.
- **Tenants Rights Assistance.** With the limited stock of affordable homes and apartments in Austin, the City continues its investment in the Austin Tenants' Council (ATC). ATC provides an array of counseling and enforcement services for renters in Austin and is a recipient of HUD Fair Housing Initiatives program funds.
- **S.M.A.R.T.™ Housing Initiative.** An innovative policy adopted by the Austin City Council in April 2000 encourages development of reasonably priced, mixed income housing units that meet accessibility standards. S.M.A.R.T.™ Housing Initiative ensures that new homes are Safe, Mixed-Income, Accessible, Reasonably-Priced, and Transit-Oriented. The policy stipulates that all single-family units certified meet accessibility standards reflected in the City's Visitability Ordinance. All multifamily development must comply with accessibility standards originally established in the Voluntary Compliance Agreement. At least 25 percent of multifamily units must be adaptable and at least 10 percent must be accessible. Developments that meet these and other pre-requisites are given expedited review under the City's development process and reductions/ exemptions for certain development and construction fees.

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S.M.A.R.T.TM Housing provides a vehicle to achieve neighborhood support for housing that serves low- and moderate-income residents by requiring applicants to meet with affected neighborhood organizations prior to filing an application for a zoning change.

Foster and maintain affordable housing

- **S.M.A.R.T.TM Housing Initiative.** The Initiative provides incentives to for-profit and non-profit builders of single-family and multi-family development who make a portion of their developments affordable to low- and moderate- income residents. In addition to creating new supply of housing, the policy incorporates Green Building standards to ensure utility demands of these new units are efficient. As part of the S.M.A.R.T.TM Housing Initiative, Austin City Council also adopted rehabilitation guidelines for single-family housing and review of regulatory obstacles to remove barriers to the repair and production of housing that meets the policy's "reasonably-priced" standard (serves a family at 80 percent MFI or below that spends no more than 30 percent of its gross income, including utilities, on housing). The S.M.A.R.T. HousingTM Review team will verify that at least 1,750 new single-family and multi-family housing units will be completed and meet S.M.A.R.T. HousingTM standards in FY 2006-07. The team will certify that proposed single-family housing developments with at least 2,000 new housing units will meet S.M.A.R.T. HousingTM standards at the pre-plan submittal stage.
- **Housing Trust Fund:** Austin City Council included in the fiscal year 1999-2000 annual budget \$1 million for the establishment of a Housing Trust Fund. This allocation was adopted as part of a larger Social Equity Initiative endorsed by the City Council, and Council continues to support the Fund. NHCD continues to seek a dedicated source of revenue for the Fund, and determine funding priorities through its annual planning process. Because Housing Trust Fund dollars are more flexible than Federal housing grant funds, they will be used creatively to bolster the City's "Continuum of Housing Services" as a means of promoting economic development and self-sufficiency and assistance in meeting community housing needs. The Fund will also consider activities that serve residents earning up to 115 percent of median family income. The City's goal for the Housing Trust Fund is to create a substantial principal amount that would not be spent, but kept "in trust." Therefore, portions of future revenues generated by and for the Housing Trust Fund will be set aside to enhance its balance.
- **Improve Existing Financing Mechanisms.** In 1999, a community report on affordable housing encouraged government officials to review current programs to improve their efficiency and effectiveness (available

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at www.caction.org/throughtheroof.html). The City of Austin through the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office and Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) has responded by redesigning several programs to better serve Austin's housing needs. For example, an outcome-based funding approach was adopted for nonprofit housing developers and a loan program targeted at small builders who are committed to producing affordable housing was instituted. The continued review and enhancement of City programs that assist home owners, first-time buyers and affordable housing developers will provide additional affordable housing opportunities in Austin.

- **Housing Bond Programs:** The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) has created Bond programs to assist in the financing of both single-family and multi-family housing. Every three years, the AHFC receives authority from the State's Bond Review Board to issue non-recourse single-family bonds or Mortgage Credit Certificates (MCC's) to assist in the financing of affordable single-family housing for first time homebuyers. Homebuyers must earn below 115 percent of median family income (MFI) at the time of purchase. The objective of the Bond programs is to assist in the financing of both single-family and multi-family housing. Every three years, the AHFC receives authority from the State's Bond Review Board to issue non-recourse single-family bonds or Mortgage Credit Certificates (MCC's) to assist in the financing of affordable single-family housing for first time homebuyers. Homebuyers must earn below 115 percent of median family income (MFI) at the time of purchase.

Remove barriers to affordable housing

- **Fair Housing:** The City continues to support the Austin Tenants' Council (ATC) through its public services program. ATC provides an array of counseling and enforcement services for renters in Austin and is a recipient of HUD Fair Housing Initiatives program funds. The City has made Fair Housing a priority, and the Mayor's Task Force has developed a publicity campaign to alert residents of their rights and the process to file complaints in the case of housing discrimination. NHCD hosted four stakeholder meetings in preparation of the 2004 Impediments to Fair Housing for the FY 2004-09 Consolidated Plan/Action Plan to discuss Fair Housing, and will continue working with the City's Human Rights Commission.
- **S.M.A.R.T.™ Housing Initiative:** For builders of single-family and multi-family developments who make a portion of their new homes or apartments affordable to working families, the S.M.A.R.T.™ Housing Initiative provides expedited review and inspection, including more rapid decisions on zoning change and zoning variance requests. In fiscal year 2002-03 a S.M.A.R.T.™ Housing Review Team was established to focus

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entirely on expediting S.M.A.R.T.TM Housing developments through the City development review and approval process. The policy included adoption of rehabilitation guidelines and review of regulatory obstacles to the repair and production of "reasonably-priced" housing. S.M.A.R.T.TM Housing staff review all new or amended rules, ordinances and plans for impact on housing affordability.

- **Website:** AHFC and NHCD have a website which provides increased access to homebuyer services, available through the Community Lending Office, community and economic development opportunities; and resources for low- and moderate- income persons seeking assistance with housing.
- **Community Collaborations:** Neighborhood Housing and Community Development is an active participant in the Community Action Network's Homeless Task Force and End Chronic Homelessness Subcommittee, and the Mayor's Task Force on Mental Health and Mayor's Task Force on Disabilities. These community groups bring together elected officials, the Housing Authority, non-profits focusing on housing and homelessness, and community advocates. In these collaborations, NHCD hopes to make its resources available to better assist people with disabilities (mental and physical), homeless persons and veterans, and low- to moderate- income persons.

Reduce the number of poverty-level families

- **Economic Development:** The City of Austin continues to provide operating assistance to critical organizations serving minority small businesses. Their primary goal is to create and retain jobs for low- and moderate- income residents.
- **Child Care Services:** This project, administered by the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD), increases the supply and quality of childcare. HHSD provides childcare vouchers for: 1) homeless and near-homeless families, 2) clients enrolled in self-sufficiency programs, 3) teenage parents and low-income working families. The Childcare Services project also provides training for childcare providers that serve low-income residents as a means of improving the quality of their services. Training is offered on a competitive basis to providers who accept HHSD childcare vouchers.
- **Housing Activities:** A variety of housing activities operated by the City are designed to reduce the number of families in poverty (see Section 2 of the Consolidated Plan and the Housing Section in the Action Plan). The Tenant Based Rental Assistance Project, for example, provides

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temporary housing to low-income residents as they move to self-sufficiency.

- **Housing Trust Fund:** Austin City Council included in the fiscal year 1999-2000 annual budget \$1 million for the establishment of a Housing Trust Fund. This allocation was adopted as part of a larger Social Equity Initiative endorsed by the City Council, and Council continues to support the Fund.
- **Neighborhood Center Services:** The City of Austin neighborhood centers provide a variety of social services for low- and moderate-income families in need including: Basic Needs Services, Seasonal Program Services, Support Services Available at Some Centers, Public Health Nursing Program, Social Services Program.

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Overcome gaps in Institutional structures and enhance coordination.

- **Community Action Network (CAN):** CAN, a public/private partnership of 14 major community organizations interested in the social well-being of Austin and Travis County has identified 12 urgent issue areas covering the range of human needs - from housing and health, to public safety and workforce development. CAN works to achieve sustainable social, health, educational, and economic outcomes through engaging the community in a planning and implementation process that coordinates and optimizes public, private and individual actions and resources. NHCD's Director has been serving on CAN's Administrative Team since 2001.
- **Coordination with Public Housing Authorities:** The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) has been involved in the Consolidated Planning and Action Plan processes such as stakeholder meetings, hosted the Community Needs Survey at their main location, contributed information about their processes and their clients who transition into CDBG- and HOME- funded programs. Regular contact and meetings with local PHA officials ensure that the City housing programs are linked to the needs of public housing residents.
- **Continuum of Housing Services:** In an effort to coordinate services, improve housing services for our residents, and better leverage housing resources, the City of Austin developed a continuum of housing services. This Continuum serves as the framework for investment to link housing programs through the community and to assist residents in moving into the private housing market. The continuum uses S.M.A.R.T.™ Housing as its foundation and extends across eight categories: homelessness, emergency shelter, transitional housing, public housing, assisted housing, rental housing, first-time homebuyer housing, and owner-occupied housing.

The City uses this framework to assess housing needs and encourage the development of programs to address gaps or complement private and nonprofit sector activities. Coordination of services in order to create a "stairway to self-sufficiency" serves as the foundation of an investment strategy for housing activities. This housing continuum allows us to evaluate how our programs assist residents in moving toward self-sufficiency. Also, and more importantly, it provides a framework for collaboration and partnerships among formally competing interests.

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Foster public housing improvements and resident initiatives

Public housing in the Austin area is provided by the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) and the Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC). Both HACA and HATC share updates on their progress during regular contact and meetings with City officials.

Housing Authority of the City of Austin.

HACA gathers input and ideas on capital improvements and resident initiatives through an annual series of meetings with Resident Councils, and surveys distributed to all public housing residents. This information is incorporated, where appropriate, into HACA's annual plans.



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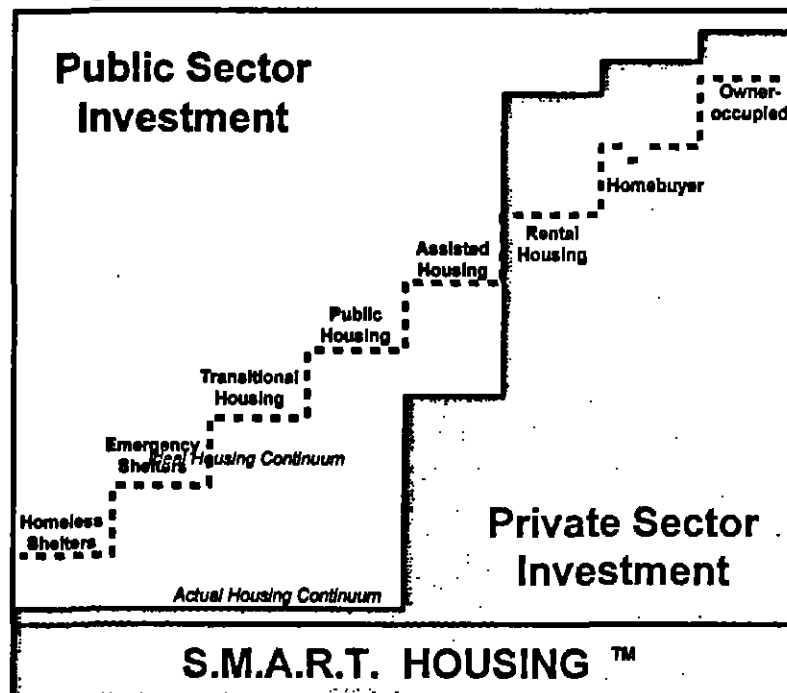
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Continuum of Housing

It was recognized the Housing Continuum established in the 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan remains a valid tool for classifying housing needs. As needs and strategies to address the needs were discussed, it became clear these issues cluster around each stage of the housing continuum. In an effort to coordinate services, improve housing services for City of Austin residents, and better leverage housing resources, the City of Austin developed a continuum of housing services.

Figure 3a: NHCD Continuum of Housing

This Continuum serves as the framework for investment to coordinate housing programs through the community and to assist residents in moving into the private housing market.



The continuum uses S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ as its foundation and extends across eight categories: homelessness, emergency shelter, transitional housing, public housing, assisted housing, rental housing, homebuyer housing, and owner-occupied housing.

The City uses this framework to assess housing

needs and encourage the development of programs to address gaps or complement private and nonprofit sector activities. Coordination of services in order to create a "stairway to self-sufficiency" serves as the foundation of an investment strategy for housing activities. This housing continuum provides a framework for collaboration and partnerships among formerly competing interests.

After review of community needs and HUD's definition of prioritization, the City determined that each category of the Housing Continuum is considered a high priority for funding. HUD defines high priorities as those programs that will be funded in a program year. Medium priorities are those that will only be funded if funding becomes available, and low priorities are those that will not be funded in a program year. The City of Austin has determined that while infrastructure is a need in the community and an

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eligible expense of CDBG funds, CDBG funds will be used instead for housing and community development. Therefore, infrastructure is a low priority in Austin.

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S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Initiative

The City of Austin's S.M.A.R.T. (Safe, Mixed- Income, Accessible, Reasonably-Priced, Transit- Oriented) Housing™ initiative creates "reasonably priced" housing units that meet Green Building standards. The S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Initiative offers 100 percent fee waivers for developments in which at least 40 percent of the units meet the "reasonably priced" standard, by serving families at or below 80 percent Median Family Income who spend no more than 30 percent of their gross income (including utilities) on housing.

The City's goal is for at least 40 percent of all S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ units to be reasonably priced. Staff attains this goal by providing City assistance with faster plan reviews, fee waivers, and advocacy for applicants. Staff also provides affordability impact statements detailing the potential impact of proposed ordinances, plans and rules on housing affordability. Fees waived for S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ developments include zoning, site plan, subdivision, building permit, construction inspection, and capital recovery fees. The annual fee waiver authorization for S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ is 1,500 Service units, an increase of 500 units annually over the allowable annual fee waivers allowed for S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ builders from 2000-2005. A single-family home constitutes one (1) living unit equivalent. A multi-family unit generally equals 1/3 living unit equivalent due to the lower per-unit cost of capital recovery fees.

During fiscal years 2004-2005, the City of Austin waived \$1,742,101 in fees for S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ developments. As of March 2006, more than 28,000 units have been certified to participate in S.M.A.R.T. Housing™.

S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ encourages developers to provide a percentage of reasonably priced housing by offering development fee waivers, special development review times, and advocacy. While the initial benefit is directed to the developer, the ultimate benefit goes to the families that move into this housing, the neighborhood in which it is built, and to the City of Austin as a whole. High quality, reasonably priced housing - both for homeownership and rental - has a major impact on the social and economic health of a city. Based upon the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development formula, the impact of reasonably priced housing is considerable:

For every 1,500 single-family units

- Approximately 3,672 full-time jobs in construction and construction-related industries are created;
- Approximately \$119.1 million in wages are earned;
- Approximately \$63.75 million in combined federal, state; and
- Local tax revenues and fees are created.

For every 1,500 multi-family units

- Approximately 1,545 full-time jobs in construction and construction-related industries are created;
- Approximately \$59.25 million in wages are earned;
- Approximately \$26.7 million in combined federal, state; and

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- Local tax revenues and fees are created.

Home ownership benefits

- Stabilizes neighborhoods;
- Improves education by reducing mobility;
- Reduces crime rates;
- Improves citizenship.

High-quality, affordable rental benefits

- Reduces the frequency of moves, thereby reducing school mobility

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING <i>The objective of housing is to provide construction and financial services to eligible residents and organizations in order to increase reasonably priced housing opportunities.</i>				
Housing Continuum Step: HOMELESS/EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES The purpose of homeless/emergency shelter services is to provide temporary housing or shelter for people with no permanent place to live. These services are described in the following pages.				
Consolidated Plan 2005-09 Homeless/Emergency Shelter Strategy: To assist eligible persons in securing and non-profits in creating emergency shelter and homeless shelter opportunities and supportive services.				
Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Households Served	FY 2006-07 Goal	Funding Sources
Homeless/ Emergency Shelter	High	Homeless, chronic homeless	5702	Emergency Shelter Grants

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Housing Continuum Step: HOMELESS/EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES

Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) (Operations)-ESG05: Shelter Operation and Maintenance	
IDIS Project #:	0008
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) contracts with Front Steps, a private non-profit organization, to operate the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH). All clients served in the ARCH have low- to moderate- incomes and most are at 50 percent MFI or below. ESG funds will be used to provide maintenance and operations for this program. ARCH provides emergency shelter to homeless adult males in the Overnight Shelter program, and has recently added 70 additional mats for overnight sleeping. ARCH provides basic services such as showers, laundry facilities, mailing address, telephone use, and lockers in the Day Resource Center program. The Day Resource Center program also includes a number of services such as mental health care, legal assistance, and employment assistance provided by co-located agencies. The Day Resource Center is now open during the weekends, which will increase the overall number of people served by the ARCH. The ARCH also houses a Health Care for the Homeless-funded clinic.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	5,667 People 01 ▼

In FY 2006-07, the ARCH program will provide emergency shelter to more than a thousand men annually in the Overnight Shelter program and basic needs services to several times that number of persons annually in the Day Resource Center program. (Some individuals may be duplicated between the shelter and the day resource center programs. Front Steps utilizes the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to track data on persons who use the overnight shelter program. The sheer volume of clients using the day resource center, however, has made data collection and entry into the HMIS for those clients cost-prohibitive. Front Steps continues to explore options for tracking that data without undue administrative burden and cost.)

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s)	ESG				
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$217,087				
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
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Priority Need Category	Eligibility				
Homeless/HIV/AIDS ▼	Not Applicable ▼				
Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private				
Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007				
Citation	570.201a				
Location	Community Wide				

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Housing Continuum Step: HOMELESS/EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES

Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (ATCHSD), Communicable Disease Unit (Essential)-ESG06: Homeless Essential Services

IDIS Project #:	0007	Local ID:	2TRH
PROJECT DESCRIPTION			

Essential services are supportive services such as case management, mental health care, primary health care, public health care, and legal assistance that homeless individuals and families may need to help them move out of homeless situations. The Communicable Disease Unit of the Austin/Travis County HHSD will provide intensive case management to 35 homeless persons who have HIV infection and who are not utilizing shelter services.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	35 People 01

Homeless individuals and families will be assisted in FY 2006-07 through the Communicable Disease Unit with supportive services.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s)	ESG				
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$52,672				
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
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Subrecipient	Sub-Recipient Private				
Expected Completion Date	8/30/2007				
Citation	570.201e				
Location	Community Wide				

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Housing Continuum Step: HOMELESS/EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES

Housing and Benefits Specialist for Persons Defined as Chronically Homeless (Essential ESG06)	
IDIS Project #: 0023	Local ID: 2TRH
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

Family ElderCare's Bill Payer Program and Representative Payee Program will provide volunteer-assisted bill payer and/or representative payee services to homeless adults who fit the HUD definition of "chronically homeless." The program will allow persons to receive benefits payments for which they are eligible, thereby increasing their income and giving them a means to pay for housing. This funding will meet one of the specific needs discussed in Austin/Travis County's Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment 40	People 01

The Family Bill Payer program and Representative Payee Program will assist homeless persons to access benefits for which they are eligible, but have not been able to apply for due to their status.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s)	ESG				
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$40,000				
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
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Homeless/HIV/AIDS	Not Applicable				
Subrecipient Local Government	Citation 570.201e				
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007	Location Community Wide				

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Housing Continuum Step: TRANSITIONAL HOUSING The purpose of transitional housing services is to provide temporary housing for up to 24 months of eligible residents so that they have shelter and can be placed in permanent housing.				
Consolidated Plan 2005-09 Transitional Housing Strategy: Assist eligible households in securing and non-profit organizations in creating limited-term housing and supportive services.				
Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Households Served	FY 2006-07 Goal N/A	Funding Sources
Transitional Housing	High	Low income households	At this time, any projects that are considered transitional are funded through the RHDA program, and the accomplishments can be found there.	
Public Housing	N/A	Low income households	This step on the continuum is being funded through the Housing Authority of the City of Austin and the Travis County Housing Authority.	

PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING <i>The objective of housing is to provide construction and financial services to eligible residents and organizations in order to increase reasonably priced housing opportunities.</i>				
Housing Continuum Step: ASSISTED HOUSING HOME and HOPWA grants fund assisted housing projects which provide financial assistance to individuals for housing. The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) administers the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Project (TBRA) for homeless persons. Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) administers the HOPWA grants for rent, mortgage and utility assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS.				
Consolidated Plan 2005-09 Assisted Housing Strategy: Provide resources to eligible households to access or retain affordable rental units.				
Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Households Served	FY 2006-07 Goal	Funding Sources
Assisted Housing	High	Homeless, People with HIV/AIDS	610	HOME, Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)

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Housing Continuum Step: ASSISTED HOUSING

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	
IDIS Project #: 0035	Local ID: N/A
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) project provides rental-housing assistance to homeless persons with incomes at or below 50 percent of the median family income. Individuals/households are provided appropriate case management and supportive services to meet individual client needs and assist in the transition toward independent living. Individuals may be referred through the Passages Collaboration, which provides services to the homeless; the collaboration is comprised of six (6) service providers: Salvation Army, LifeWorks, SafePlace, Caritas, Foundations for the Homeless, and Austin Families. The TBRA program provides housing opportunities to homeless individuals/households through the provision of rental subsidies which enable individuals/households to transition from emergency shelters to more permanent housing. Subsidies enable homeless persons to secure and maintain rental housing, which may otherwise have been unaffordable.

In the Austin MSA, an extremely low income household (earning \$20,580, 30% of the Area Median Income of \$68,600) can afford monthly rent of no more than \$515, while the Fair Market Rent for a two bedroom unit is \$804. (National Low Income Housing Coalition: Out of Reach 2005. Accessed March 21, 2006: <http://www.nlihc.org>)

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment 105	Households 04 ▼

This program will continue to assist as many households as funding allows to transition from a homeless situation into rental housing with the support services offered by the collaborative efforts of these agencies.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s) HOME, HOME (PI), HTF					
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$807,563					
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
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Priority Need Category	Eligibility				
Assisted Housing ▼	Not Applicable ▼				
Subrecipient Subrecipient Private	Citation 570.204				
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007	Location Community Wide				

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Housing Continuum Step: ASSISTED HOUSING	
Aids Services of Austin-HOPWA06: Rent, Mortgage,Utility (RMU) Assistance	
IDIS Project #: 0002	Local ID: 2ASH
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The purpose of the Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance program is to provide rent, mortgage and utility assistance for income eligible persons with HIV and AIDS and their families. The goal of the program is to prevent homelessness and to support independent living of persons with HIV/AIDS. Under contract with Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (AT/CHHSD), AIDS Services of Austin (ASA) works with five other community-based organizations to provide essential financial help to HIV-positive clients and their family members. Case managers from ASA and the five agencies assess client need and submit requests for assistance according to the need. There are two HUD-approved activities through the Rent, Mortgage and Utility (RMU) Assistance program:

1. Emergency Assistance Program: Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payments to prevent homelessness of the tenant or mortgagor of a dwelling. This program enables income eligible individuals at risk of becoming homeless to remain in their current residences.
2. Rental Assistance Program: Tenant-based rental assistance, including assistance for shared housing arrangements. It assists income eligible clients monthly with their rent and utilities until there is no longer a need, or until they are able to secure their own housing.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment 450	People 01

The program goals include providing rent, mortgage and utility assistance to eligible households. By assisting these households, the collaborative will deliver 603,821 units of RMU assistance accessed through HIV case management providers. By doing so, the 2005-09 Consolidated Plan Assisted Housing Strategy accomplished is to: "Assist eligible households in securing and non-profit organizations in creating limited-term housing and supportive services. The goals of this strategy for HOPWA RMU assistance are housing stability, reducing the risk of homelessness, and improved access to health care and supportive services. There are three performance measures as follows:
 70% of clients receiving HOPWA will maintain a stable living environment that is decent, safe and sanitary; 80% of clients receiving HOPWA will reduce their risk of homelessness; 80% of clients receiving HOPWA will improve access to health care and supportive services.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s) HOPWA					
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$649,270					
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
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Homeless/HIV/AIDS	LMC				
Subrecipient Subrecipient Private	Citation 570.204				
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007	Location Community Wide				

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Housing Continuum Step: ASSISTED HOUSING

Project Transitions-HOPWA06: Residential Support Services
IDIS Project #: 0031
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Supportive Services Program at Project Transitions is to provide apartment-style and scattered site housing and supportive services to persons with HIV disease. Thirty-six (36) apartments are located in both agency owned facilities and others are leased apartments throughout the community. A variety of supportive services are offered to all clients including: facility based meals, counseling, substance abuse relapse prevention support, client advocacy, transportation and assistance with obtaining permanent housing.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment 55	People 01

The Supportive Services Program at Project Transitions will assist households (90 persons) with varying incomes. Those residents that are able to pay will be charged 30% of their current income in accordance with HUD guidelines. Those residents with no income will not be charged. This addresses the 2005-09 Consolidated Plan Assisted Housing Strategy goal to "Assist eligible households in securing and non-profit organizations in creating limited-term housing and supportive services.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s)	HOPWA		
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$262,800		
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
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		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Homeless/HIV/AIDS	LMC
Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private	Citation	570.204
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Housing Continuum Step: RENTAL HOUSING The purpose of the rental housing services is to provide construction and financial services to eligible organizations in order to produce or retain reasonably-priced rental units and rental housing for special needs populations, such as the elderly or people with disabilities.				
Consolidated Plan 2005-09 Rental Housing Strategy: Provide resources to non-profit/for-profit housing developers to construct S.M.A.R.T. Housing TM rental units and rehabilitate existing rental units.				
Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Households Served	FY 2006-07 Goal	Funding Sources
Rental Housing *Voluntary Compliance	High	Small Family HH/Large Family HH/Disabled/Elderly	271 (*1000)	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, Housing Trust Fund (HTF), General Fund, Housing Assistance Fund (HAF)

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Housing Continuum Step: RENTAL HOUSING

Rental Housing Development Assistance
IDIS Project #: 0032
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This program provides CDBG, HOME, City of Austin Housing Trust Fund and University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) District Housing Trust Fund, and Housing Assistance Fund loans to create and retain affordable rental units for households and persons with special needs with yearly incomes of no more than 80% of the Austin area's median family income (MFI). The RHDA program will provide below-market rate financing to developers including non-profit and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of affordable rental projects. These funds are revolving and provide income for future loans. At least 15 percent of the City of Austin's annual HOME funding allocation will be set aside for projects developed or owned by CHDOs.

RHDA financing will leverage City and federal funds including federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, reducing the cost of capital for the development of multifamily rental housing units that would otherwise be economically infeasible. Using bond financing, as well as S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ fee waivers to reduce development costs, the City through AHFC may act as a joint venture partner with non-profit and for-profit developers to convert available surplus land into affordable rental housing. Developers will affirmatively market rental units with respect to federal and local fair housing and nondiscrimination laws and will exert efforts to solicit and contract with minority- and women-owned business enterprises (MBE/WBE) to achieve established project participation goals.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION
Accomplishment 181 Households 04

For fiscal year 2006-07, CDBG, HOME, and non-federal City of Austin funds will be used as financing to assist in the development of affordable rental units for low- and moderate-income households and persons with special needs. The projected units are comprised of the following projects: affordable units for low-income families in the 160-unit mixed-income Villas on Sixth Street Apartments (assisted with City Housing Trust Fund financing); permanent single-room-occupancy rental units for homeless and low-income individuals in the Spring Terrace Apartments in North Austin assisted with HOME and City Housing Trust Fund financing; and several scattered-site, transitional housing units assisted with HOME funds for homeless and low-income military veterans.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) CDBG, PI CDBG, HOME, HOME CHDO, PI HOME, HAF, UNO, HTF			
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$3,622,662			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
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		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Rental Housing	LMH
Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private	Citation	570.204
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007		Location Community Wide	

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Housing Continuum Step: RENTAL HOUSING

Architectural Barrier Removal - Rental

IDIS Project #: 0006

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This Project provides CDBG grant funds to modify or retrofit the living quarters of low-income elderly and mobility-impaired homeowners and eligible renters to make their housing more accessible. No more than \$5,000 per home per year can be provided to a single home through the Architectural Barrier Removal (ABR) activity and the Emergency Home Repair activity collectively. The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) oversees the provision of ABR services.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Accomplishment 90 Households 04 ▼

This activity is expected to benefit eligible residents by installing physical improvements in housing units to assist with daily living, perhaps improving the ability to live independently, or improve the quality of life for the individual.

FUNDING

Fund Source(s) CDBG
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$270,000

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Primary Purpose:

- ☐ Help the Homeless
- ☐ Help Persons with HIV/AIDS
- ☒ Help Persons with Disabilities
- ☐ Address Public Housing Needs

Matrix Codes

14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202 ▼

Priority Need Category

Rental Housing ▼

Eligibility

LMH ▼

Subrecipient

Local Government

Citation

570.202

Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007

Location

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Anderson Hill Redevelopment - Rental
IDIS Project #: 0004
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Anderson Hill Redevelopment activity will construct rental units in the Anderson Hill neighborhood of Central East Austin for households earning no more than 80 percent of Median Family Income (MFI). The Austin Housing Finance Corporation will be responsible for the construction of the units and will manage the rental units until ownership is transferred to the Anderson Community Development Corporation. There is no anticipated unit production scheduled for fiscal year 2006-07.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION
Accomplishment 0 **Households 04**

The City is receiving HOME funds that will be used to finance the construction of rental units in the Anderson Hill Neighborhood.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) PI HOME			
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$1,800,000			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
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		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Rental Housing	LMH
Subrecipient	Subrecipient Public 570.500c	Citation	570.201a
Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007	Location	Community Wide

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Housing Continuum Step: HOMEBUYER SERVICES

Housing assistance services for homebuyers are provided by the Austin Housing Finance Corporation. Homebuyer projects are more fully described in the following pages.

Consolidated Plan 2005-09 Homebuyer Services Strategy: Provide opportunities for homebuyers through financing and construction to access S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ produced by non-profits and for-profit housing developers.

Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Households Served	FY 2006-07 Goal	Funding Sources
Homebuyer Services	High	Small Family HH/Large Family HH	251	CDBG, HOME, HOME CHDO, GF, HTF, HAF, American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI)

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Housing Continuum Step: HOMEBUYER SERVICES	
Down Payment Assistance	
IDIS Project #: 0013	Local ID: 2FTH
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

This activity provides HOME-sponsored deferred, zero-interest loans to low- and moderate- income homebuyers to assist with the down payment, closing costs, and pre-paid of their home purchase. These funds are revolving and provide income for future loans. Assistance per household will be in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. The calculated assistance is based on need. An additional \$1,000 may be applied if the applicant is applying for mortgage credit certificates through the City of Austin and AHFC. An additional \$10,000 if qualified under the Housing Assistance for Persons with Disabilities (HAPD) is available depending on funding level. This fiscal year will see the addition of the American Dream Downpayment Assistance Initiative (ADDI) to the Downpayment Assistance Program. This program specifically targets first time homebuyers who earn 80% or less MFI. ADDI funds can be used to provide downpayment assistance, closing costs, and rehabilitation assistance to eligible individuals.

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Policy of recapture is followed. Funds are recaptured through loan agreements and are paid in full on sale, lease, transfer of title, or refinancing. In case of foreclosure, the recapture amount is based on the amount available from the net proceeds of the foreclosure sale rather than the entire amount of the HOME investment.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION					
Accomplishment 166	Households 04 ▼				
This activity will enable many potential homeowners to overcome the obstacles preventing them from obtaining a home of their home by providing assistance with downpayments, closing costs, and/or prepaid expenses.					
FUNDING					
Fund Source(s) HOME, PI HOME, GF-CIP, HTF, HAF, ADDI					
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$1,748,061					
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
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Homeownership ▼	LMH ▼				
Subrecipient	Citation 570.201n				
Subrecipient Public	Location Community Wide				
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007					

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: HOMEBUYER SERVICES

Acquisition and Development	
IDIS Project #: 0001	Local ID: 2FTH
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

This Project provides CDBG, HOME and City of Austin S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ CIP Funds for the construction and financing of affordable homeownership units. These funds are revolving and provide income for future loans. This program provides financing to for-profit and non-profit developers and homebuilders for the acquisition, development, and construction of single-family homes and single-family subdivisions. All federally-assisted homes must be purchased by a household earning no more than 80% of the area Median Family Income (MFI) and be occupied for an affordability period of at least five (5) years. Eligible activities include: acquisition of land and houses, new construction, demolition, rehabilitation, lead testing/abatement, construction financing, gap financing, inspections, information & referral, relocation assistance, home buyer loans & subsidies, and community land trusts. An emphasis is placed on serving households between 55% and 70% MFI through direct marketing and/or additional home buyer subsidies. Policy of recapture is followed. Funds are recaptured through loan agreements and are paid on sale, lease, transfer of title, or refinance.

In case of foreclosure, the recapture amount is based on the amount available from the net proceeds of the foreclosure sale rather than the entire amount of the HOME investment.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment 40	Households 04 ▼

The Acquisition and Development Program will provide assistance that will result in the completion of single-family homes by low and moderate income homebuyers. Some of the homes will be in the Montopolis Planning Area, with the remaining homes in other neighborhoods.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s) CDBG, HOME, HOME CHDO, CDBG Rev Loan, HOME Match, PI HOME, GF-CIP, HTF, HAF					
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$4,340,582					
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Project Primary Purpose: <input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	Matrix Codes 12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m) ▼ <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Priority Need Category</td> <td>Eligibility</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Homeownership ▼</td> <td>LMH ▼</td> </tr> </table>	Priority Need Category	Eligibility	Homeownership ▼	LMH ▼
Priority Need Category	Eligibility				
Homeownership ▼	LMH ▼				
Subrecipient Subrecipient Public 570.500c	Citation 570.204				
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007	Location Community Wide				

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: HOMEBUYER SERVICES

CHDO Capacity Building
IDIS Project #: 0010
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Capacity Building Program is designed to increase affordable housing production by improving the skills of non-profit housing organizations that receive HOME funding. The program involves evaluating each organization's needs at its current stage of organizational development and providing the financial resources or technical assistance that will help the organization improve its ability to produce affordable housing units. The City of Austin/Austin Housing Finance Corporation will issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to all City of Austin-certified CHDOs and to local non-profits seeking CHDO certification. Resale/Recapture does not apply to this Program.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	20 Households 04 ▼

The Program will be promoted to all locally-based non-profit housing providers working within the City of Austin. As a result of the assistance provided to CHDOs, new housing units will be produced, to serve the housing needs of 20 low- to moderate-income households.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s)	HOME (CHDO)				
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$125,000				
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
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Homeownership ▼	LMH ▼				
Subrecipient	Subrecipient Public 570.500c				
Citation	570.204				
Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007				
Location	Community Wide				

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: HOMEBUYER SERVICES

Anderson Hill Redevelopment - Homebuyer	
IDIS Project #:	0003
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Anderson Hill Redevelopment program will construct new single-family housing units for households earning no more than 80 percent of median family income in the Anderson Hill neighborhood of Central East Austin. The Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will manage the construction, marketing and sale of the properties located in the Anderson area.

In order to help preserve long term affordability, a policy of "proportionate recapture" will be adopted for the AHFC homes sold in the Anderson Hill Redevelopment Project. The restrictions on the property will include, but are not limited to, the following: 1). that the houses must be resold to income eligible households, and 2). that the homeowner receives a fair return. A community land trust may also be used in this neighborhood.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	15 Households 04 ▼

The total project includes the construction of single family homes and townhomes.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s) CDBG, PI CDBG, HOME					
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$1,017,797					
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Project Primary Purpose: <input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	Matrix Codes 12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m) ▼ <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Priority Need Category</td> <td>Eligibility</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Homeownership ▼</td> <td>LMH ▼</td> </tr> </table>	Priority Need Category	Eligibility	Homeownership ▼	LMH ▼
Priority Need Category	Eligibility				
Homeownership ▼	LMH ▼				
Subrecipient	Subrecipient Public 5700.500c				
Citation	570.204				
Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007				
Location	Community Wide				

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: HOMEBUYER SERVICES

Juniper-Olive Street Housing Project	
IDIS Project #:	26
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

This project will result in the renovation and/or new construction of up to 17 housing units that are located on Juniper and Olive Streets. The existing structures will be renovated to Department of Interior Standards for historic structures. The Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA) will manage the construction, marketing and sale of the properties. All units would be marketed to families at or below 80 percent Median Family Income (MFI).

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	10 Households 04

The total project includes the historical renovation of 6 units and the new construction of 4 housing units. The new construction is being funded with private dollars only.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s)		PI CDBG	
FY 2006-07 Total Funding		\$558,400	
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m)	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Homeownership	LMH
Subrecipient	Subrecipient Public 5700.500c	Citation	570.204
Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007	Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING <i>The objective of housing is to provide construction and financial services to eligible residents and organizations in order to increase reasonably priced housing opportunities.</i>				
Housing Continuum Step: OWNER-OCCUPIED SERVICES The purpose of owner-occupied housing services is to provide construction and financial services for existing, income-eligible homeowners to address building code violations so that they can continue to live in their homes. Owner-occupied services are funded through grants and loans that are delivered through various homeowner rehabilitation services. In addition, the Lead Hazard Control Grants and Healthy Homes Grant works with homeowners to eliminate lead hazards and other health risks.				
Consolidated Plan 2005-09 Owner-Occupied Services Strategy: Provide opportunities for households to retain their homes through rehabilitation and construction.				
Type of Housing	Priority for Federal Funds	Type of Households Served	FY 2006-07 Goal	Funding Sources
Owner-Occupied Services	High	Small Family HH/Large Family HH/ Elderly/Disabled	850	CDBG, HOME, HTF, HAF, Lead Hazard Control Grant, Healthy Homes

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: OWNER-OCCUPIED SERVICES

Architectural Barrier Program- Owner
IDIS Project #: 0005
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This Project provides CDBG grant funds to modify or retrofit the living quarters of low-income elderly and mobility-impaired homeowners and renters to make their housing more accessible. No more than \$5,000 per home per year can be provided to a single home through the Architectural Barrier Removal activity and the Emergency Home Repair activity collectively. The Austin Housing Finance Corporation oversees the provision of ABR services.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	360 Households 04 ▼

This activity is expected to serve several hundred low and moderate income owner-occupied households during fiscal year 2005-06.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s) CDBG					
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$1,324,532					
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Project Primary Purpose: <input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	Matrix Codes 14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202 ▼ <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Priority Need Category</td> <td>Eligibility</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Owner Occupied Housing ▼</td> <td>LMH ▼</td> </tr> </table>	Priority Need Category	Eligibility	Owner Occupied Housing ▼	LMH ▼
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Owner Occupied Housing ▼	LMH ▼				
Subrecipient Local Government	Citation 570.202				
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007	Location Community Wide				

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: OWNER-OCCUPIED SERVICES

Emergency Home Repair Program	
IDIS Project #:	0016
Local ID:	2WN
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

This project provides CDBG grant funding to make critical repairs to the homes of low- and moderate-income homeowners. The repairs alleviate life-threatening living conditions and health and safety hazards. The project also can provide repairs to or replacement of major mechanical systems. An administrator works with homeowners and contractors to facilitate and manage the repairs. No more than \$5,000 in grants per home per year can be provided to any one home through Architectural Barrier Removal and Emergency Home Repair, collectively. The Austin Housing Finance Corporation oversees Emergency Home Repair and currently contracts with the Austin Area Urban league to administer the service. Clients' total household income will be certified using the HUD Section 8 method of income certification.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	450 Households 04

This project will assist several hundred households who would otherwise be unable to afford basic repairs. Avoiding delayed maintenance will prevent dilapidated houses contributing to deterioration of low and moderate income neighborhoods.

FUNDING	
Fund Source(s) CDBG	
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$855,000	
PROJECT INFORMATION	
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202
	Priority Need Category
	Owner Occupied Housing
	Eligibility
	LMH
Subrecipient	Subrecipient Private 570.500c
Citation	570.202
Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007
Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: OWNER-OCCUPIED SERVICES

Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program

IDIS Project #: 0021
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This Project provides CDBG-HOME low-Interest loans to assist income-eligible homeowners with substantial home repairs, such as foundation repair or replacement. These funds are revolving and provide income for future loans. This project will serve homeowners earning incomes at 60 percent of the median family income or below.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Accomplishment 30 Households 04 ▼

This program will be used to assist low and moderate income households with major, costly repairs and will improve the existing housing stock of neighborhoods.

FUNDING

Fund Source(s) CDBG, PI CDBG, HOME, HOME CHDO, PI HOME, GF-CIP, HTF
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$3,673,464

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202 ▼	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Owner Occupied Housing ▼	LMH ▼
Subrecipient	Subrecipient Public	Citation	570.202
Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007	Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: OWNER-OCCUPIED SERVICES

Materials Grants Program
IDIS Project #: Non Federal
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides grants from unrestricted funds to eligible non-profit organizations to purchase materials that are used to make repairs to the homes of low-income residents. The participating non-profit organizations coordinate with volunteers to provide the repair labor at no charge to the resident. Repairs range from installing smoke detectors to replacing roofs.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION
Accomplishment 10 Households 04 ▼

Income-eligible households will receive repairs in FY 2006-07.

FUNDING
Fund Source(s) HTF, HTF, HAF
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$16,875

PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose: <input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Matrix Codes Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funds	
		Priority Need Category Owner Occupied Housing ▼	Eligibility LMH ▼
Subrecipient	Subrecipient Public	Citation	N/A
Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007	Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: OTHER

S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Program
IDIS Project #: Non-Federal Funds
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Policy Initiative is designed to increase the construction of new single-family and multi-family housing units serving low and moderate income households. The S.M.A.R.T. (Safe, Mixed-Income, Accessible, Reasonably-priced, and Transit-oriented) Housing™ Policy Initiative stipulates that all S.M.A.R.T. single family homes meet the local Visitability Ordinance standards, and all S.M.A.R.T. multi-family development have at least 10% of its housing units meet local Building Code standards for accessibility. The City provides fast-track review and inspection for housing that meets these standards, and the City waives certain development fees based on the amount of "reasonably-priced" housing provided. The City Council has approved non-federal resources for a S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Review Team to assist subdivision and site plan review.

The S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Review Team provides fast-track reviews for single-family and multi-family developments that meet S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ standards.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION		
Accomplishment	1750	Households 04

The S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Policy Initiative will provide assistance that will result in the completion of more than a thousand new single-family and multi-family units. Funding costs are limited to personnel expenses. The units for this project are reflected in the Review Team project. The S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ Review Team will provide plan review services for applicants scheduled to complete the proposed goals for single-family and multi-family S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ units in 2006-07. These funds will also include EDI and repayment for Colony Park.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s) GF-CIP, EDI			
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$1,146,165			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Not Applicable with Non-Federal Funding	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Owner Occupied Housing	N/A
Subrecipient		Citation	N/A
N/A			
Expected Completion Date		Location	Community Wide
9/30/2007			

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: OTHER

Voluntary Compliance Agreement
IDIS Project #: Non-Federal
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Voluntary Compliance Program provides plan review and inspection services of new multi-family developments that are subject to compliance with the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Texas Accessibility Standards and/or the S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ accessibility standards.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION
Accomplishment 1000 Households 04 ▼

The program will provide plan reviews and/or inspections for S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ multi-family developments involving more than a thousand housing units on numerous multi-family sites.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s)	GF-CIP		
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$34,000		
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		Not Applicable with Non-Federally Funded Projects Priority Need Category Planning/Administration ▼	
Eligibility		N/A	
Subrecipient N/A		Citation N/A	
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007		Location Community Wide	

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PROJECT PRIORITY: HOUSING
Housing Continuum Step: OTHER

Single Family Housing Bond Programs
IDIS Project #: Non-Federal Funds
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The objective of the Bond programs is to assist in the financing of single-family and multi-family housing for low and moderate income families. The single family bond authority is awarded on a waiting list basis by the State's Bond Review Board to local housing finance corporations to issue non-recourse single-family bonds or Mortgage Credit Certificates (MCC's) to assist first time homebuyers. Homebuyers must earn below 115 percent of median family income (MFI) at the time of purchase.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	60 Households 04

Proposed accomplishments for 2006-07 include continuation of the issuance of MCC's from the \$25 million 2006 AHFC Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program to assist first time homebuyers. This program began issuing certificates in July, 2006 and has until December 31, 2008 to use up the allocation. There were no Multifamily bond applications filed in 2005-06. Therefore, there will be no families served for the first time with the AHFC multifamily bond program in 2006-07.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s) Housing Bonds					
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$0					
PROJECT INFORMATION					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
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Homeownership	N/A				
Subrecipient	Citation				
N/A	N/A				
Expected Completion Date	Location				
9/30/2007	Community Wide				

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2005 Impediments to Fair Housing Update

IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
1. Lack of accessible housing to meet the need of the disabled community in Austin.	
	a. City should provide education on accessibility and how to comply with the Fair Housing Act and the American Disability Act (ADA) standards.
The City of Austin Equal Employment Fair Housing Office (EEFHO) works on enforcement and education, and inspections of properties. The City has provided financial resources to the Austin Tenant's Council to provide Renter's Rights and Fair Housing Counseling, and to provide the S.M.A.R.T. Housing program through NHCD. The City funds a third-party contractor to perform accessibility review and inspection for City-funded multi-family development. City staff inspects for compliance with Visitability Ordinance standards for city-assisted single-family homes, duplexes and triplexes adopted in October 1998 and revised in January 2004 and June 2005. The City's EEFHO and Human Rights Commission also works to inform the public of their rights. In addition, City Staff works on capacity building with the following groups: Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, Austin Tenant's Council, Human Rights Commission, Mayor's Mental Health Task Force, the CHDO Roundtable and the Homeless Task Force.	
	b. City should adopt the 2003 International Building Code or an equivalent, with similar requirements, in order to enforce the accessibility standards on developers and builders.
The City Council approved amendments to the Visitability Ordinance on January 15, 2004 that incorporate federal accessibility standards for new city-assisted single-family homes, duplexes, and triplexes. The City Council adopted the 2003 International Building Code multi-family standards for all new multi-family development applications submitted after January 1, 2006. The City continues third-party review and inspection for city-assisted development applications submitted prior to January 1, 2006.	
	c. City should offer incentives to get private developers to plan their construction process in anticipation of future conversions for accessibility.
The SMART Housing Policy adopted in April 2000 and revised in January 2004 creates incentives with requirements for accessibility and visitability standards that reduce future costs for retrofitting existing housing for people with disabilities. The number of fee waivers was expanded from 1,000 service units annually in 2000-2005 to 1,500 service units annually beginning in 2005-2006.	
2. Lack of affordable housing in Austin	
	a. City should continue the production of affordable housing units in existing low-income neighborhoods through the Austin Housing Finance Corporation and the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office.

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In Fiscal Year 2003-04, there were the creation of 213 housing units using federal funds, and 2,002 households served using non-federal resources.	
IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
	b. City should work towards increasing affordable housing in census tracts that currently do not provide affordable housing for low-income citizens.
Out of a total of 869 projects funded with CDBG and HOME federal funds, there were 65 projects in census tracts that were not low-income. These projects could be providing housing opportunities in multi-family or single-family low-income households. All of these households were low-income households.	
	c. City should work with local employers to design and implement Employer-Assisted Housing Programs.
At the current time, there are no proposed projects to provide employer-assisted housing, however, the City is exploring the employer partnership as part of the community dialogue on Community Land Trusts.	
3. Discrimination of minorities in housing rental and sales market.	
	a. City should work with other agencies to increase the fair housing knowledge of the public.
The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities was formed to increase coordination between the following departments: Transportation, Planning and Sustainability, HHSD, NHCD, Parks and Recreation, Aviation, Office of the Police Monitor, Austin Police and Fire, City Auditor. NHCD works with the Mayor's Committee, the Human Rights Commission and the Austin Tenants Council to increase fair housing knowledge.	
4. Misconception by property managers concerning family occupancy standards.	
	a. City should work with other agencies to increase the knowledge that family occupancy standards do not exist.
The City's NHCD holds lender meetings to inform them regarding our programs and policies, and in these type of meetings, we try to spread this information. The City's EEFHO also works to inform the public of their rights, and the Austin Tenants Council works directly with renters and homeowners about their rights.	
5. Lack of accessibility or adaptability requirements in the current Austin building code.	
	a. City should adopt 2003 International Building Code and review and inspect based on this standard.

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The City Council adopted the 2003 International Building Code on December 15, 2005.	
IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
6. Predatory lending practices.	
	a. City should provide education on the hazards of this type of lending.
The City's NHCD holds lender meetings to inform them regarding our programs and policies, and in these type of meetings, we try to spread this information. The City's EEFH Office and the Human Rights Commission also works to inform the public of their rights, and the Austin Tenants Council works directly with renters and homeowners about their rights.	
7. Disparity in lending practices.	
	a. City should work with lenders to expand homeownership and credit counseling classes to the public.
The NHCD Housing Information and Referral Program informs callers and people searching on the internet of the HUD-approved list of credit counselors and homebuyer counselors. In addition, NHCD is considering training staff- certified homebuyer counselors.	
8. Failure of mortgage lenders to offer products and services to very low-income and minority census tracts people (characteristics similar to traditional redlining).	
	a. City should work to leverage federal housing funds with partnerships with lending institutions that provide funding which encourages renewed investment in deteriorated neighborhoods.
Out of a total of 869 projects funded with CDBG and HOME federal funds, there were 804 projects in low-income census tracts. These projects could be providing housing opportunities in multi-family or single-family low-income households. In addition, \$22,000,000 was leveraged through federal funding sources CDBG and HOME, and 38,800,000 was leveraged using non-federal funding sources to provide affordable housing opportunities.	
9. Insufficient financial literacy education.	
	a. City should work with agencies to provide financial literacy education to the public.
The NHCD Housing Information and Referral Program informs callers and people searching on the internet of the HUD-approved list of credit counselors and homebuyer counselors. In addition, NHCD is considering training staff-certified homebuyer counselors.	

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IMPEDIMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
10. Insufficient income to afford housing.	
	City should continue to work to expand job opportunities.
In FY 2003-04, NHCD provides economic development opportunities to create 100 jobs through the following programs: Neighborhood Commercial Management Project, Community Development Bank, and the Business Assistance Center.	

STATUS REPORT ON MULTI-FAMILY ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE

All S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ applicants have complied with applicable accessibility or visitability requirements or are in process of making corrections to plans or construction. There has been one visitability waiver to date, and no repayment of S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ fee waivers to date due to non-compliance with accessibility or visitability requirements.

Please note that the original Voluntary Compliance Agreement required at least 4 inspections or plan reviews per year over a five year period (a minimum of 20 reviews and/or inspections). Our contractor has performed accessibility reviews and/or inspections for seventy-five (75) separate multi-family developments at 81 separate sites over the past five years. Here are the results as of March 15, 2006:

- Twenty (20) sites were subject to Section 504 standards
- Sixty (60) sites have received final inspection for either Section 504 and/or Fair Housing/ADA/TAS standards
- Three (3) sites have repaid their loans or are no longer under an affordability period; these sites are therefore not subject to enforcement
- Two (2) sites have repaid or are repaying fee waivers and are no longer subject to S.M.A.R.T. Housing™ accessibility standards.
- Four (4) sites received plan review services only since no federal funding or S.M.A.R.T. Housing assistance was provided.

This means that sixty-nine (69) sites are in compliance. Only two (2) sites had received final inspection when the Voluntary Compliance Agreement expired on September 30, 2002. Twenty-eight (28) sites had received final inspection by September 30, 2003. Fifty (50) sites had received final inspection by September 30, 2004. Sixty-seven (67) sites were in compliance on September 30, 2005.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
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Small Business Development
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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
<i>The objective is to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible organizations in order to improve the economic viability of neighborhoods and promote the creation and/or preservation of jobs.</i>			
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT			
Identified as a high priority, the City of Austin commits a portion of its annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds to help create and retain job opportunities through various economic development activities.			
Type	Priority for Federal Funds	FY 2006-07 Goal	Funding Sources
Small Business Development	High	62	CDBG, Section 108

Community Development Bank	
IDIS Project #: 0012	Local ID: 2CBD
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The purpose/objective of the program is to provide program delivery funds for the administration of a loan program that provides flexible capital and technical assistance to small and minority-owned businesses that are expanding or relocating to low-income areas. The ultimate goal of this program is job creation or retention for low-to-moderate income individuals.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment 3	Jobs 13 ▼

In FY 06-07, the program will be part of the new small business development services model implemented to support small business development and expansion. The impact of this unique approach will result in the creation jobs, of which 51% will be provided to low and moderate income individuals.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s)	CDBG				
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$104,265				
Project Information					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	18A ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits 570.203(b) ▼ <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Priority Need Category</td> <td>Eligibility</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Economic Development ▼</td> <td>LMJ ▼</td> </tr> </table>	Priority Need Category	Eligibility	Economic Development ▼	LMJ ▼
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Economic Development ▼	LMJ ▼				
Subrecipient Private 570.500c	Citation 570.203b				
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007	Location Community Wide				

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Microenterprise Technical Assistance
IDIS Project #: 0026
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose/objective of the program is to provide operational funds to provide technical assistance to qualified micro-enterprises. A micro-enterprise is a business which has five or fewer employees, one being the owner. The ultimate goal of this program is job creation or retention for low-to-moderate income individuals.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment 28	Households 04 ▼

In FY 06-07 the Micro-enterprise Technical Assistance Program will be part of the new small business development services model implemented to support micro-enterprise development and expansion. The impact of this unique approach will result in 28 micro-enterprises receiving comprehensive and essential classroom training and technical assistance in an effort to stimulate job creation. Of the micro-enterprises receiving comprehensive and essential classroom training and technical assistance, at least 51% will be low to moderate income individuals and/or business owners.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s)	CDBG				
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$141,703				
Project Information					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	18C Micro-Enterprise Assistance ▼ <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Priority Need Category</td> <td>Eligibility</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Economic Development ▼</td> <td>LMC ▼</td> </tr> </table>	Priority Need Category	Eligibility	Economic Development ▼	LMC ▼
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Economic Development ▼	LMC ▼				
Subrecipient	Citation 570.201o				
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007	Location Community Wide				

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Neighborhood Commercial Management Program	
IDIS Project #:	0028
Local ID:	2CBD
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Neighborhood Commercial Management Program (NCMP) provides financial assistance in the form of business loans from a revolving loan pool to businesses that have been in existence for two years or more. Borrowing entities may be eligible for GAP Financing for up to 40% of eligible project cost. One of the primary goals is to create job opportunities for low and moderate income individuals.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	25 Jobs 13

In FY 06-07, the impact of this unique approach will result in the creation of jobs, of which 51% will be provided to low and moderate income individuals.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s)	CDBG, Section 108				
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$515,491				
Project Information					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	18A ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits 570.203(b)				
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Economic Development	LMJ				
Subrecipient	Local Government				
Citation	570.203b				
Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007				
Location	Community Wide				

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Small Minority Business Assistance

IDIS Project #: 0034 Local ID: 2CBD

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Small Minority Business Assistance (SMBA) project is to create or retain jobs for low or moderate income persons by providing technical assistance to business owners to stimulate economic growth and support small business development and expansion. The Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Department (EGRSO) administers the Program.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Accomplishment 6 Jobs 13

The Small Minority Business Assistance (SMBA) project will create or retain jobs for low or moderate income persons. The impact of this unique approach will result in the creation of jobs, of which 51% will be provided to individuals in low and moderate income households.

FUNDING

Fund Source(s) CDBG
FY 2006-07 Total Funding \$185,935

Project Information

Project Primary Purpose:

- ☐ Help the Homeless
- ☐ Help Persons with HIV/AIDS
- ☐ Help Persons with Disabilities
- ☐ Address Public Housing Needs

Matrix Codes

18B ED Technical Assistance 570.203(b)

Priority Need Category

Economic Development

Eligibility

LMJ

Subrecipient Public 570.500c

Citation 570.203b

Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007

Location Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

The objective of Commercial Revitalization is to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible organizations in order to improve the economic viability of neighborhoods and promote the creation and/or preservation of jobs.

Type	Priority for Federal	FY 2006-07 Goal	Funding Sources
Commercial Revitalization	High	3306	CDBG

East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization

IDIS Project #:	0014	Local ID:	2CMR
PROJECT DESCRIPTION			

The East 11th and 12th Streets redevelopment plan contains projects and programs that seek to restore a thriving mix of uses and activities along the East 11th and 12th Streets corridors. East 11th Street is envisioned as a visitor-oriented destination consisting of 3-5 story buildings that provide entertainment, music and office uses that will attract users from the Austin metropolitan area as well as local residents. The East 12th Street corridor is envisioned as a mixed-use area with a variety of small-scale, live-work environments with combined office, retail and residential uses which serve the immediate area. To accomplish this revitalization will take the combination of federal, local and private resources to improve the economic well-being and quality of life in this community. Public and private partnerships with business, financial and non-profit communities are key to spurring quality investment, commercial development and job creation throughout the East 11th and 12th Streets area.

The revitalization efforts will be achieved through activities such as, but not be limited to, land acquisition, demolition of dilapidated structures, relocation of displaced persons/businesses, preservation of historic structures, redevelopment of abandoned and/or substandard structures, improvement of infrastructure, construction of new mixed used facilities, and the provision of loans to existing small businesses as gap financing in exchange for job creation or retention.

In completing the above-mentioned tasks, the National Objectives of 1) benefit to low- and moderate income persons and 2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight will be met. The following pages will identify those activities proposed for 2006-07 under both of the above-mentioned National Objectives.

FUNDING	
Fund Source(s)	CDBG
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$2,836,851

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Part 1

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Accomplishment 17

Jobs 13



The Special Economic Development Activities under this accomplishment will be met through providing jobs to low-and moderate-income individuals in the East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization Area. The accomplishments will be met by providing small business loans to provide gap financing in exchange for job creation and/or retention and to provide assistance to businesses that want to locate in the area. The purpose of this assistance is to create and/or retain jobs, of which 51% will be provided to low- or moderate income individuals.

Project Information

Project Primary Purpose:

- ☐ Help the Homeless
- ☐ Help Persons with HIV/AIDS
- ☐ Help Persons with Disabilities
- ☐ Address Public Housing Needs

Matrix Codes

18A ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits

Priority Need Category

Economic Development

Eligibility

LMJ

Subrecipient

Other

Citation

570.203b

Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007

Location

Census Tracts: 0000804; County: 48453

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION		
East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Part 2		
IDIS Project #:	0014	Local ID: 2CMR
PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION		
Accomplishment	8	08 Businesses
FUNDING		

The City of Austin contacts with the Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA) to assist with the revitalization efforts of East 11th and 12th Streets. A requirement of this contract is for ARA to provide assistance to new and existing Micro-Enterprises that want to locate in the area or expand. The purpose of this assistance is to provide assistance to qualified Micro-Enterprises. A micro-enterprise is a business which has five or fewer employees, one being the owner. Of the micro-enterprises receiving assistance, at least 51% will be low and moderate income individuals.

Project Information			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		18 C Micro-Enterprise Assistance	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Economic Development ▼	LMC
Subrecipient	Other	Citation	570.203b
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007		Location	Census Tracts: 0000804; County:

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Part 3		
IDIS Project #:	0014	Local ID: 2CMR
PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION		
Accomplishment	1634	01 People

The Special Economic Development Activities under this accomplishment will be met through providing goods and services to individuals in the East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization Area (Area). Goods and services are provided through new businesses moving into the area and providing services that are not currently offered. The types of businesses that provide goods and services are branch banks, restaurants, grocery stores and dry cleaners, etc. The number of low- and moderate- income individuals residing in the four census tracts of the Area has been determined to be at least 51%. The residents served by the assisted business(es) will amount to at least one low- and moderate-income individual per every \$350 CDBG/Section 108 funds used per project with an aggregate number not to exceed \$1,000 per low and moderate income individual.

Project Information			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		18A ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Economic Development	LMC
Subrecipient	Other	Citation	570.203b
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007		Location	Census Tracts: 0000804; County: 48453

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Part 4		
IDIS Project #:	0014	Local ID: 2CMR
PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION		
Accomplishment	1635	01 People

On Novmeber 19, 1997, the Austin City Council adopted a resolution declaring the East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization area (Area) to be a slum and blighted area and designating this area appropriate for an urban renewal project. On January 14, 1999, the City Council adopted a resolution approving the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan. The passing of these ordinances allows the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Austin (URA) to utilize funds for acquisition and to provide fair/adequate relocation benefits to those individuals that are being displaced due to the acquisition aiding in the prevention and elimination of the slum and blighting influences in the Area.

Project Information			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		01 Acquisition of Real Property	
		Priority Need Category	
		Eligibility	
		Economic Development	SBA
Subrecipient		Citation	
Expected Completion Date		Location	
9/30/2007		570.203b Census Tracts: 0000804; County: 48453	

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Part 5	
IDIS Project #: 0014	Local ID: 2CMR
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment 5	08 Businesses

The purpose of this project is to renovate all non-residential Historic Structures in the East 11th and 12th Streets Revitalization Area (Area). One way the City will achieve this goal is through the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department implementing a new program, the East 11th and 12th Street Revitalization Program Historical Improvement Project (Program). This Program offers financial assistance to property owners in the the East 11th and 12th Streets revitalization area that are seeking to rehabilitate, restore, or repair a historic structure that is or is to be used for a commercial or civic purpose. The Program is part of the City's ongoing efforts to help revitalize its designated commercial districts.

Along with the above-mentioned project, the City will also be providing grants and/or loans to businesses in the Area to assist in achieving our goal.

Project Information			
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		16B Non-residential Historic Preservation	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Economic Development	SBA
Subrecipient	Other	Citation	570.203b
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007		Location	Census Tracts: 0000804; County:

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PROJECT PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

East 11th/12th Streets Revitalization Part 6		
IDIS Project #:	0014	Local ID: 2CMR
PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION		
Accomplishment	7	01 People

The need to create community parking was an item on which consensus was reached by the stakeholders who actively participated in third amendment of the East 11th and 12th Streets Urban Renewal Plan effective April 7, 2005. City Council adopted resolutions authorizing Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) to contract with the Austin Revitalization Authority (ARA) for the development of two community parking facilities, one on East 11th Street which will create approximately 24 surface parking areas and one on East 12th Street which will create approximately 24 surface parking spaces.

NHCD, in concert with ARA, is exploring other opportunities in which the need for community parking can be addressed within the East 11th and 12th Streets corridor.

Project Information							
Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes					
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PROJECT PRIORITY: PUBLIC SERVICES			
PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION			
The objective of Neighborhood Revitalization is to provide financial/technical assistance to eligible organizations			
Type	Priority for Federal	FY 2006-07	Funding Sources
Public Services/ Neighborhood Revitalization	High	30,996	CDBG

Child Care Services	
IDIS Project #:	0011
Local ID:	2NER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

This project administered by Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD), increases the supply and quality of child care by providing services to children from low-income families whose gross income is less than 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines and that reside within the Austin city limits. The three components of the project serve families in crisis, children of teen parents who are attending school, and families in work, school, or job training. HHSD contracts with child care providers for the services.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment	285
	Households 04

There will be several hundred children served with the following components: 1. Child care vouchers for up to six months of child care for families in crisis; including homeless and near-homeless families, and families that have experienced a sudden need for child care due to a situation such as the serious illness/injury or incarceration of a parent. The program coordinates services with other social service providers. 2. Child care, including parent education, for parenting teens who are attending middle or high school. 3. Child care for low-income families whose parents are either working, attending school, or in job training. Services to children of teen parents is reduced by 2, and services to low-income families was reduced by 33 in the proposed services because of CDBG funding reductions between FY 2006 and FY 2007.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s)	CDBG				
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$604,980				
Project Information					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e)				
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PROJECT PRIORITY: PUBLIC SERVICES
PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Tenants' Rights Assistance

IDIS Project #: 0036

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The objectives of the project are: 1) Facilitate mediation services between landlords and low to moderate-income tenants, resulting in completing health and safety related repairs to rental units, which will help maintain reasonable habitability standards; 2) provide direct counseling and technical assistance to low income renters regarding tenant/landlord issues; 3) provide public education and information through workshops and public forums on landlord/tenant relationships and to educate renters on their rights as well as their responsibilities under the law; 4) identify fair housing complaints that may be investigated by the Austin Tenants' Council which may assist in resolving, reducing or minimizing discriminatory housing practices.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Accomplishment 549 **People 01** ▼

In FY 2006-07, the Tenant's Rights Assistance project will provide services to several hundred tenants, of whom fifty-one (51%) will have incomes that are eighty percent (80%) or below the median family income for Austin.

FUNDING

Fund Source(s)	CDBG		
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$238,434		
Project Information			
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes		
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	05K Tenant/Landlord Counseling 570.201(e) ▼		
	Priority Need Category	Eligibility	
	Public Services ▼	LMC ▼	
Subrecipient	Private 570.500c	Citation	570.201e
Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007	Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: PUBLIC SERVICES
PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Housing Information and Referral
IDIS Project #: 0024
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the HIRS Program is for NHCD-AHFC to provide technical assistance and referrals regarding affordable housing information and service providers by telephone and the NHCD web site. Any family in need of the information NHCD provides about affordable housing information and service providers is able to access the information. This program will also include a Homebuyer Counseling component to serve low- to moderate-income households, earning 80% MFI or less, who are interested in buying a home. This program is funded with CDBG and City dollars. The program is an annual program which ends September 30 each fiscal year and begins again October 1 of the new fiscal year.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION
Accomplishment 28977 People 01 ▼

The proposed accomplishments for FY 2006-07 include all affordable housing technical assistance and housing service provider referrals by telephone, and 25% of web hits to the Helpful Links NHCD web site.

FUNDING			
Fund Source(s)	CDBG, Challenge Fund		
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$323,045		
Project Information			
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes		
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) ▼		
	Priority Need Category		Eligibility
	Infrastructure ▼		LMC ▼
Subrecipient	Local Government	Citation	570.201e
Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007	Location	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: PUBLIC SERVICES
PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Neighborhood Support Services
IDIS Project #: 0030
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project assists in the creation of working partnerships in priority neighborhoods to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood and increase resident participation in neighborhood activities. Partnerships include various City departments, neighborhood associations, community-based organizations, and volunteers. Priority neighborhoods are those located in census tracts in which at least 51% of the households have incomes that are eighty percent (80%) or below the median family income for Austin.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Accomplishment 3,500	Households 04

In FY 2006-07, the project will assist households located in census tracts in which at least 51% of the households have incomes that are eighty percent (80%) or below the median family income for Austin. The following activities will be conducted through this project: Community workshops, neighborhood clean-ups, special community service projects, and other neighborhood revitalization efforts. Additional activities include increasing communication and participation among neighborhood residents through newsletters and flyers, along with promoting neighborhood and personal safety initiatives.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s)	CDBG				
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$102,646				
Project Information					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
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Public Services	LMA				
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Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007				
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PROJECT PRIORITY: PUBLIC SERVICES
PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Senior Services

IDIS Project #: 0033

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Senior Services project administered by Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) provides services that help prevent and protect seniors from becoming victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. HHSD contracts with Family Eldercare, a care provider for senior citizens, for the services. Persons served shall have a gross income that is no more than 80 percent of Austin's median family income, are 55 years of age and older and reside within the city limits of Austin. The Senior Services project operates a variety of community-based services and develops partnerships supporting older adults, people with disabilities, and those who care for them. The agency advocates for older adults and people with disabilities so they may remain in their homes and communities. Through the Bill Payer Program, the agency assesses the clients' needs linking them to needed resources and volunteer advocates. Through the Guardianship Program, the agency will recruit, train, support, and match volunteers guardians to oversee the care of elders who have been declared legally incompetent in a court of law.

The In-Home Care Program will recruit, screen, train, employ, and supervise respite workers to provide in-home companionship and support elders and their caregivers. The Family Elder Shelter Program includes the provision of temporary housing in a furnished apartment, as well as case management support needed in establishing a permanent housing plan. Emergency financial assistance and food bank services are also available.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION

Accomplishment 169 People 01

Through these programs, the Senior Services project will provide temporary shelter for seniors who are in a housing crisis; assist seniors in or at risk of abusive, neglectful, or exploitative situations, assist seniors to maintain their independence as a result of access to affordable in-home care services, and provide money management services to seniors.

FUNDING

Fund Source(s)	CDBG
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$110,340

Project Information

Project Primary Purpose:		Matrix Codes	
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs		05A Senior Services 570.201(e)	
		Priority Need Category	Eligibility
		Public Services	LMC
Subrecipient	Private 570.500c	Citation	570.201e
Expected Completion Date		Location	Community Wide
9/30/2007			

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PROJECT PRIORITY: PUBLIC SERVICES
PUBLIC SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Youth Support Services	
IDIS Project #:	0037
Local ID:	2NER
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The purpose of the Youth and Family Assessment Center (YFAC) is to divert youth, displaying at-risk behaviors, from the Juvenile Justice System. YFAC accomplishes this by ensuring youth and their families have access to a wide variety of supports and services that are focused on increasing success in school, home and the community. YFAC partners with youth and their families through the wraparound process, a best-practice model, utilized by Systems of Care, to develop an individualized plan of care that addresses both the needs of the youth and those of the family. The YFAC program, through different funding sources, is able to access services and supports for basic needs, mental health services, educational support and social enrichment. This model empowers youth and their families and results in a sustained change in functioning. The families served reside in the City of Austin, have a family income that is 200% of Federal Poverty Level, and are identified as youth displaying at-risk behavior.

There are three separate programs within YFAC to provide differing levels of intervention and support to youth and their families. The core YFAC program is YFAC wraparound, which is the most intensive model of intervention. The second level of intervention is YFAC Support Services, which partners with families through an office-based model. Families partner with YFAC Supportive Services for an average of 4 to 8 months. YFAC school-readiness camps, is the third level of intervention, and provides one week summer camps to identified elementary school students who are at-risk for truancy, drop-out, and/or are experiencing school/home related behavioral challenges.

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Accomplishment	105
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YFAC is projected to serve families through the three programs. Youth will improve school attendance, performance, behavioral self-management, and decrease or not engage in delinquent behavior. Caregivers will report decreased stress, improved relations with the school and the identified youth. YFAC will ensure the development of individualized plans that facilitates access to a mix of traditional and non-traditional services and supports.

FUNDING					
Fund Source(s)	CDBG				
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$167,857				
Project Information					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	05D Youth Services 570.201(e)				
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Public Services	LMC				
Subrecipient	Private 570.500c				
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Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007				
Location	Community Wide				

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PROJECT PRIORITY: DEBT SERVICE	
PUBLIC FACILITIES	

ARCH Homeless Shelter Debt Service	
IDIS Project #: 0020	Local ID: 2PUB
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The City secured a \$6 million HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee to construct a homeless shelter, resource center, and health clinic in downtown Austin. The facility was constructed in late 2003 and early 2004 and opened for operation April 2004. Repayment of the Section 108 loan will be in the form of annual payments from current and future CDBG funds for a 20-year period ending in 2022.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Not Applicable	
FUNDING	
Fund Source(s)	CDBG
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$453,523
Project Information	
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	19F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal ▼ Priority Need Category Homeless/HIV/AIDS ▼
Subrecipient	Eligibility
Local Government	Not Applicable
Citation	570.705c
Expected Completion Date	Location
9/30/2007	Community Wide

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PROJECT PRIORITY: DEBT SERVICE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Neighborhood Commercial Management Debt Service
IDIS Project #: 0029
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City secured a \$2 million HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee to the Neighborhood Commercial Management Loan Program (NCMP). As a result of this \$2 million, NCMP will leverage an additional \$3 million in private sector financing. Repayment of the Section 108 Loan will be in the form of annual payments from repayment received from the loan portfolio.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION					
Not Applicable					
FUNDING					
Fund Source(s)	CDBG Revolving Loan				
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$110,000				
Project Information					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	19F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal ▼ <table border="1"> <tr> <th>Priority Need Category</th> <th>Eligibility</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Economic Development ▼</td> <td>Not Applicable</td> </tr> </table>	Priority Need Category	Eligibility	Economic Development ▼	Not Applicable
Priority Need Category	Eligibility				
Economic Development ▼	Not Applicable				
Subrecipient	Local Government				
Citation	570.705c				
Expected Completion Date	9/30/2007				
Location	Community Wide				

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PROJECT PRIORITY: DEBT SERVICE
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION

East 11th/12th Street Revitalization Debt Service	
IDIS Project #: 0015	Local ID: 2CMR
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The City secured a \$9 million HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee to implement the East 11th & 12th Street Revitalization Project. Repayment of the Section 108 loan will be in the form of annual payments from current and future CDBG funds for a 20 year period ending in 2017.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION					
Not Applicable					
FUNDING					
Fund Source(s)	CDBG				
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$764,594				
Project Information					
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes				
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Priority Need Category	Eligibility				
Economic Development ▼	Not Applicable				
Subrecipient Local Government	Citation 570.705c				
Expected Completion Date 9/30/2007	Location Community Wide				

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PROJECT PRIORITY: DEBT SERVICE	
PUBLIC FACILITIES	

Millennium Youth Center Debt Service	
IDIS Project #:	0027
Local ID:	2PUB
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	

The Millennium Youth Entertainment Center, located at 1156 Hargrave Street, has a bowling alley, a roller skating rink, a video arcade, a soft play area for small children, a food court, and a movie theater. The facility was completed and opened to the public in June 1999. To construct the facility the City secured a \$7.8 million Section 108 Loan Guarantee. Repayment of the Section 108 loan will be in the form of annual payments from current and future CDBG funds for a 20 year period ending in 2018.

ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	
Not Applicable	
FUNDING	
Fund Source(s)	CDBG
FY 2006-07 Total Funding	\$747,535
Project Information	
Project Primary Purpose:	Matrix Codes
<input type="checkbox"/> Help the Homeless	19F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal ▼
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with HIV/AIDS	Priority Need Category
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Persons with Disabilities	Eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Public Housing Needs	Public Facilities ▼ Not Applicable
Subrecipient	Local Government
Expected Completion Date	Citation
9/30/2007	570.705c
Location	Community Wide



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Needs Assessment Public Notice

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CDC Public Hearing (May 9, 2006)

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CITY OF AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments on community needs in order to develop the City's (1) the annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, related to allocation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds, and (2) Community Development Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Program required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 373, including proposed funding allocations

MARCH 23, 2006

1. KATHERINE STARK., Executive Director, Austin Tenant's Council

MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, MY NAME IS KATHY STARK AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AUSTIN TENANTS' COUNCIL. AND WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR MANY YEARS TO RUN A PROGRAM TO ASSIST TENANTS IN KNOWING WHAT THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE. WE ASSIST SMALL LANDLORDS THAT HAVE ONE OR TWO PROPERTIES. WE ALSO HAVE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING GUIDE THAT HAS ALL THE SUBSIDIZED HOUSING IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN SO THAT PEOPLE WHO DO NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING HAVE ONE RESOURCE TO START LOOKING FROM. HOUSING IS THE LYNCH PIN THAT FAMILIES BUILD THEIR LIVES AROUND. IF THEY DON'T HAVE STABLE HOUSING THAT THEY CAN AFFORD, THEIR KIDS DON'T GO TO SCHOOL, IT'S HARD TO KEEP A JOB, EVERYTHING STARTS FALLING APART IF YOU LOSE YOUR HOUSING AND YOU'RE LIVING OUT OF YOUR CAR OR YOU'RE LIVING WITH YOUR SISTER. AUSTIN HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST – IT HAS THE HIGHEST RATE FOR RENTAL HOUSING IN THE STATE OF TEXAS. I'M HERE TO URGE YOU TO WISELY USE THE FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT WE RECEIVED TO PROMOTE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ESPECIALLY FOR 50% BELOW THE MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME OR EVEN DOWN TO 30% THE MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME SO THAT WE CAN HOUSE ALL OF OUR CITIZENS THAT WANT TO LIVE IN THE CITY. UNFORTUNATELY, WE'RE SEEING THAT MORE AND MORE FAMILIES ARE MOVING OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS AND WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO TURN THAT TREND AROUND SO THE CITY IS AFFORDABLE FOR EVERYBODY. AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DOLLARS ARE ONE WAY THAT WE DO THAT. IT'S SCARCE HOUSING DOLLARS, AND I URGE YOU TO USE IT FOR HOUSING AND HOUSING RELATED ISSUES THAT ASSIST OUR CITIZENS IN HAVING SAFE, DECENT, FAIR HOUSING. ALSO I WANT TO ENCOURAGE AND I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR THE WORK THAT HE HAS DONE TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS DO NOT GET CUT FURTHER AND I WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO CONTACT THEIR SENATOR OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE. THEY THINK AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS IMPORTANT, THEY THINK THAT THE PROGRAMS THAT THIS – THESE PROGRAMS DO ARE IMPORTANT, THEY SHOULD CALL THEIR SENATOR AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVE AND TELL THEM SO. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

2. DAVID DAVIS, Representing Passages Partnership

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THE CITY'S ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007. I'M HERE TONIGHT, TIME PERMITTING, I GUESS, TO SPEAK REALLY IN TWO CAPACITIES. THE MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH I'VE BEEN ASKED TO REPRESENT THE PASSAGES PARTNERSHIP TONIGHT TO KIND OF GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT YOU DO AND ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, AND I WANT TO THANK THE COUNCIL PARTICULARLY OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS FOR SUPPORT IN GENERAL FOR PURPOSES THAT SERVE HOMELESS PEOPLE. THAT BEING THE CASE, I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO I FOLLOW MS. STARK BECAUSE WITHOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WE SEE THE END RESULT OF THAT. THE PASSAGES PARTNERSHIP IS A COLLABORATION AND ALSO WITH THE CARITAS, THE FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE HOMELESS, LIFE WORKS AND SAFE PLACE. AND WITH THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT CITY COUNCIL HAS MADE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, ACTUALLY SINCE 1998, IN THE FORM OF FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S HOUSING TRUST FUND AND THE GRANT, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING TO HOMELESS FAMILIES. AS OF MARCH OF 2006, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE SUBSIDIZED HOUSING FOR 425 FAMILIES, MOST OF WHOM RECEIVED 12 TO 18 MONTHS OF TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE. CURRENTLY WE HAVE 45 FAMILIES IN TBRA AND ARE IN THE PROCESS - THEY'RE IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING THEIR VOUCHERS FOR THAT PROGRAM. THE ARRAY OF SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE ARE CASE MANAGEMENT AND SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE, LIMITED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND THAT'S MOSTLY IN THE FORM OF THE ASSISTANCE TO GET INTO HOUSING AND TO GET HOOKED UP WITH UTILITIES. BUT WE ALSO PROVIDE SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING, MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, LIFE SKILLS, JOB READINESS AND REFERRAL AND A LOT OF ASSISTANCE WITH LINKAGE TO PERMANENT AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING. THIS IS - THIS BECAME A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY, THE PASSAGES COLLABORATION, AND THE AUSTIN HOUSING AUTHORITY. AND I THINK IT'S BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE. WHAT WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE YEARS IS APPROXIMATELY 75 TO 80 PERCENT OF THE FAMILIES PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM ACQUIRE PERMANENT HOUSING AND MAINTAIN IT FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS THAT WE TRACK THEM AFTER THEY'VE LEFT THE PROGRAM. DURING THE TIME THEY'RE IN TBRA, THEY WORK ON REDUCING DEBT, INCREASING THEIR SKILLS AND INCOME. IN THE LAST YEAR WE'VE ALSO BEGUN PAYING FOR TRAINING FOR SOME CLIENTS THAT HAVE AFFORDED THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET JOBS AT A LIVING WAGE. I WANT TO THANK YOU. WE HOPE THAT THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US AT OUR CURRENT FUNDING LEVEL OF \$753,925 PER YEAR.

3. JULIA MATHY, AISD ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

I'M AN ESL TEACHER WITH AISD'S ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM. WE OFFER FREE ESL AND G.E.D. CLASSES TO LOW INCOME ADULTS IN THE EVENINGS AT SEVERAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN AUSTIN. AND WE'RE FUNDED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN. WE ALSO OFFER CHILD CARE TO OUR STUDENTS. I TEACH ESL AT BOTH BROOK SCHOOL IN THE EAST SIDE AND AT BECKER IN SOUTH AUSTIN. AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT CITY FUNDING FOR OUR ESL PROGRAMS. THEY SERVE A VITAL ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY BY GIVING FREE ENGLISH CLASSES TO SECOND LANGUAGE LEARNERS, IMMIGRANTS IN AUSTIN. OUR STUDENTS, SOME OF WHOM ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM, NEED TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE IN ENGLISH AND NAVIGATE IN OUR COMMUNITY, TO BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SOCIETY AND TO IMPROVE THEIR STANDARDS OF LIVING. AMERICA IS A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS. I'M A THIRD GENERATION AMERICAN. AUSTIN IS AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BEING AN IMMIGRANT IS VERY DIFFICULT AND BECAUSE OF OUR STUDENTS' LACK OF ENGLISH, MANY OF THEM HAVE LOW PAYING JOBS. AND THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR PRIVATE ENGLISH CLASSES. FURTHERMORE MY EAST AUSTIN NEIGHBORS SUPPORT THE ESL CLASSES. I'VE BEEN LIVING IN EAST AUSTIN FOR 15 YEARS, AND I HAVE PARTICIPATED, ALONG WITH COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ, WITH WRITING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, AND IN WHICH WE CALL SPECIFICALLY FOR ESL CLASSES IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND THAT IN CESAR CHAVEZ NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, THAT IS ACTION ITEM 193. WE SAY THE NEIGHBORHOOD WILL WORK WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE FOR THOSE IMMIGRANTS WHO DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. ALSO, I HAVE COMMENT FROM 30 STUDENTS WHO COULD NOT COME IN EVENING AND I'M PLANNING ON E-MAILING THESE COMMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL. THANK YOU.

4. CHRISTINA PISSARO, ESL Student, Romania

HI. MY NAME IS CHRISTINA AND I'M FROM ROMANIA. I'VE BEEN LIVING HERE FOR ONE YEAR. I'M AN ESL STUDENT AT WALNUT CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. PLEASE CONTINUE THE FUNDING ESL PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: FIRST THING, FOR MY ORAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS BECAUSE ESL CLASSES HAVE HELPED ME TO IMPROVE MY COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND OTHER PEOPLE AND BE UNDERSTOOD AS WELL. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE U.S. IS A COUNTRY THAT CAN OFFER YOU GREAT OPPORTUNITIES, BUT IF YOU WANT TO ENJOY ALL THE GREAT THINGS THAT AMERICA CAN OFFER YOU, YOU HAVE TO KNOW THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. SECONDLY THIS PROGRAM I THINK WILL BENEFIT ME TO PURSUE MY CAREER OR ACADEMIC GOALS. IN MY COUNTRY I USED TO BE A TEACHER AND ONE DAY HOPEFULLY I WANT TO BECOME HERE IN THE UNITED STATES A TEACHER TO HELP MAYBE OTHER ESL STUDENTS. THIS PROGRAM HAS HELPED ME TO ENHANCE MY LIFE SKILLS. NOW I KNOW HOW TO WRITE A CHECK, I KNOW HOW TO GO ABOUT IN A GROCERY STORE, I KNOW HOW TO RENT AN APARTMENT. THINGS THAT ARE VERY DIFFERENT FROM MY COUNTRY. AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER REFUNDING THE ESL PROGRAM.

5. LILIA, ESL: Student, Mexico City

I AM FROM MEXICO CITY. I HAVE BEEN HERE FOR MANY YEARS AND I'M TRYING TO IMPROVE MY ENGLISH, AND THAT'S THE REASON I AM IN THE ESL SCHOOL. THIS IS A VERY GOOD PROGRAM FOR ME AND FOR MY FAMILY BECAUSE MY SISTER, MY COUSIN, THEY ARE IN THE CLASS ALSO. AND THEN I CAME HERE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE ESL PROGRAM AND – BECAUSE IT'S – IT IS IMPORTANT TO LEARN ENGLISH AND USE ENGLISH TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR BOSSES, OUR SUPERVISORS EVERYWHERE. AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE MEXICAN PEOPLE, TRY TO IMPROVE OUR LIVES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING TO ME.

6. ALFRED ANDRETTI, ESL Student, Mexico

GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS ALFRED ANDRETTI. I AM A STUDENT, AN ESL STUDENT IN LANIER HIGH SCHOOL. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE ESL PROGRAM. FIRST THING I WANT TO SAY, WHEN I CAME TO THE UNITED STATES I COULDN'T SPEAK ANY ENGLISH. I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND ANY PERSON WHEREVER I WENT, SO FOR THAT REASON I AM VERY PLEASED THAT THIS ESL PROGRAM TO HELPING ME A LOT TO IMPROVE MY ENGLISH. BECAUSE NOW EVERYWHERE I GO I UNDERSTAND THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN MY WORK WITH MY COLLEAGUES. I HAVE CONVERSATIONS AND I CAN UNDERSTAND BETTER, ESPECIALLY MY BOSS. ALSO, THIS ESL PROGRAM IS HELPING ME TO ACCOMPLISH MY CAREER GOALS BECAUSE I AM A TEACHER FROM MEXICO AND I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A TEACHER HERE IN TEXAS. AND THIS WAY I CAN OFFER TO THE CITY SOMETHING GOOD BECAUSE SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN AUSTIN, THIS CITY IS HELPING ME A LOT, SO I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE CITY SOMETHING SPECIAL, AND ESPECIALLY OUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR FUNDING THIS ESL PROGRAM BECAUSE IT'S HELPING A LOT OF PEOPLE. AND I HOPE IT WILL CONTINUE HELPING MORE IN THE FUTURE. MUCHO GRACIAS.

7. VIRGINIA CLEARRY

MY NAME IS VIRGINIA CLEARRY. I AM A PROGRAM SPECIALIST WITH AISD WITH THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM WITH THESE STUDENTS. AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU JUST IN A FEW MINUTES WHY I'M SO CONCERNED AND VERY INTERESTED AND HOPING THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO FUND THIS PROGRAM. EVERY WEEK I RECEIVE MANY, MANY PHONE CALLS, AND PEOPLE OF COURSE STOP BY TO VISIT. MANY ADULTS. AND THEY PRACTICALLY BEG FOR CAN I PLEASE JOIN AND REGISTER. AND MANY TIMES WE CANNOT ENROLL THEM ALL AT – AT EVERY DAY OR WEEK OR EVERY MONTH AS THEY WALK INTO MY OFFICE. BUT THEY ARE STRUGGLING AND A LOT OF THESE STUDENTS ARE COMING BY CITY BUS, EVEN WITH CHILDREN IN TOW, SOME BY BICYCLE, AND REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER. AND A LOT OF THEM RUSH FROM THEIR JOBS JUST TO TRY TO MAKE THESE CLASSES IN THE EVENING, WHICH OF COURSE THEY'RE OFFERED FROM 6:30 TO 8:30. SO WE'RE ASKING YOU TO PLEASE, PLEASE OPEN YOUR EYES. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT NOT TO JUST EACH STUDENT THAT'S HERE WITH US. WE'RE REPRESENTING A LOT MORE. WE'RE REPRESENTING FOUR SCHOOLS. THE SCHOOLS I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR IS DECKER AND BROOK AND THEN OF COURSE LANIER AND WALNUT IS IN THE CITY IN THE NORTH. THESE CLASSES AREN'T ONLY GOING TO BENEFIT IN THE FUTURE EACH STUDENT, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NOT JUST THE MEXICAN COMMUNITY, BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A LOT OF COUNTRIES HERE. I HAVE STUDENTS FROM BELGIUM, RUSSIA, CHINA, BRAZIL, CENTRAL AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA, MEXICO AND ON AND ON. THEY WILL BENEFIT IN THE – IT WILL BENEFIT IN THE LONG RUN THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, EDUCATING NOT ONLY THE PARENTS, PARENT THAT HAVE CHILDREN IN OUR AUSTIN SCHOOLS, BUT A LOT OF THESE YOUNG ADULTS THAT WILL BE SELF-SUFFICIENT EVENTUALLY. NOT ONLY SELF-SUFFICIENT, BUT LEARNING HOW TO SPEAK ENGLISH TO THEM MEANS IMPROVING THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE. SO I HOPE WITH THIS, SINCE YOU JUST FORMED WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE VOICE IN HISPANIC EDUCATION FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER ALL OF THESE FOREIGN STUDENTS THAT ARE HERE THAT REALLY WANT TO MAKE AMERICA THEIR LIFE AND THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE – BECOME GOOD CITIZENS. THANKS

8. CARLOS TENORIO, ESL Student

GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS CARLOS. I AM AN ESL STUDENT AT BROOK SCHOOL. I AM HERE TO TELL YOU PLEASE CONTINUE THESE CLASSES. IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME TO IMPROVE MY LIFE-STYLE FOR THE COMMUNITY. IF YOU DISCONTINUE THESE CLASSES, NO ONE IN THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS. THANK YOU.

9. ISIA PLATZ, ESL Student, Vietnam

GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I AM AN ESL CLASS STUDENT. I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE TO TALK TO YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR FUNDING THE ESL PROGRAM. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US. WE NEED ENGLISH FOR FINDING JOBS, COMMUNICATING, EVEN HELPING OUR KIDS AND OLD PEOPLE. I HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO EARN A LITTLE MONEY IN AUSTIN SINCE 1994. NOW I NEED TO GET A BETTER JOB AND HELP MY CHILDREN TO LEARN. LEARNING ENGLISH HELPS US GET BETTER JOBS. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR FUNDING OUR PROGRAM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10. ASGAD FALL, Grade School and ESL Teacher

SO I'M A SECOND GRADE TEACHER BY DAY AND AT NIGHT I TEACH THEIR PARENTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S TEACHERS, THEIR ADMINISTRATORS, AND TONIGHT WITH THEIR COUNCILMEMBERS, WHICH I'M VERY PROUD. I DIDN'T KNOW THIS PROGRAM WAS WORKING SO WELL. SO MY REQUEST IS SIMPLE, LET ME CONTINUE TEACHING AND LET MY STUDENTS AND OUR STUDENTS CONTINUE LEARNING. THANK YOU.

11. FERNANDO FLORES, ESL Student, Mexico

GOODNIGHT, GUYS. MY NAME IS FERNANDO FLORES, I'M FROM MEXICO. I'M HERE TO LET YOU KNOW WE WOULD LIKE TO LEARN ENGLISH SO THE FIRST TIME WHEN I CAME TO THE UNITED STATES I JUST TRIED TO OPEN MY MIND AND SAY I'M GOING THROUGH A DIFFERENT WORLD. IT'S SO DIFFERENT ABOUT MEXICO. SO I THINK EVERYBODY ELSE WHO CAME FROM A DIFFERENT COUNTRY, SO THEY REALLY WANT TO LEARN THIS LANGUAGE, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE YOU CAN'T REALLY HAVE A GOOD COMMUNICATION WITH ALL THE PEOPLE LIKE WHATEVER THEY CAME FROM. SOMETIMES WE MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD, AND WE REALLY – I'M REALLY PROUD WHEN I HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THEY TRY TO UNDERSTAND THEM SOMETIMES WHAT I SAY TO THEM. AND WHAT I WANT TO TELL YOU GUYS, CAN YOU HELP US TO TRY TO CONTINUE TO LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AND G.E.D.? SO LIKE GIVE IT TO A NEW VIEW, A NEW LIFE FOR THE FUTURE. WE WOULD LIKE TO DO THE BEST WE CAN, SO WE WANT TO LEARN LANGUAGE AND WE CAN HELP OUR FAMILY, OUR CHILDREN'S AND THE PEOPLE WHO THEY HAVE DISABILITIES. THE OTHER DAY I CAME TO THE DOWNTOWN AND I HAD NEXT TO ME A PERSON WHO IS BLIND, AND HE TRIED TO FIND – I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE WANTS TO GO, AND I CAN'T REALLY TRY TO TELL HIM, HEY, WHAT DO YOU WANT? WHERE WILL YOU GO? CAN I HELP YOU? AND I DON'T REALLY SAY ANYTHING BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK ENGLISH ON THAT MOMENT, BUT RIGHT NOW I'M JUST TRYING TO SPEAK THE MOST I CAN. AND I REALLY FEEL PROUD WHEN I SPEAK MORE AND THEN MY LANGUAGE IMPROVES EVERYDAY, EVERYDAY. SO EVERYDAY I'M JUST LEARNING MAYBE ONE WORD, TWO WORDS OR THREE DIFFERENT WORDS, AND I DON'T KNOW, I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO TELL YOU, I JUST WANT YOU GUYS TO HELP US TO GET OUR DREAMS HIGH. THANK YOU

12. RUDY PENA, ESL Student.

GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS RUDY PENA. I'VE BEEN HERE FOR EIGHT YEARS ALREADY, AND I'M SO GLAD TO FIND THESE CLASSES BECAUSE A LONG TIME AGO I DID – I FOUND CLASSES, BUT I DON'T TAKE THEM. SO IT WAS FOR ME MORE INTERESTING BECAUSE WE CAN GO AND HAVE – IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CHILD, WE CAN TAKE AND WE CAN HAVE THE CLASS AND SOMEBODY TAKE HER. I'M SO GLAD TO FIND THIS CLASS. AND FOR ME, THIS PROGRAM IS LIKE A DOOR IS OPEN AND YOU CAN GO IN IT. AND NOT JUST LEARN ENGLISH AND SPEAK ENGLISH OR HELP OUR CHILDS, SPEAK MORE IN OUR JOB OR HAVE MORE – ANOTHER POSITION. FOR ME IF YOU HAVE A FUTURE YOU CAN SAY LATER ON I CAN GET MY G.E.D. AND GO TO THE COLLEGE AND DO SOMETHING IN MY LIFE AND DO GOOD THINGS. SO I SAY FOR ME, THIS CLASS IS REALLY GOOD. SO THANK YOU AND I SAY PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP US. IT'S REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT TO US. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

13. RICHARD RIDARTE, Executive Director, Non-Profit Housing

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE OWNERSHIP ISSUES OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AS WE ALL KNOW, THE CHALLENGES OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING WERE BECOMING GREATER AND GREATER, ESPECIALLY AS IT COMES TO HOME OWNERSHIP. AND THE TWO ISSUES THAT I IN PARTICULAR DEAL WITH, I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR A NONPROFIT IN AUSTIN THAT BUILDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING. MOST OF OUR CLIENTELE ARE IN THE 60, 65, 50 TO 55 PERCENT MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME. IT'S A CHALLENGE FOR US TO MAINTAIN AFFORDABILITY TO KEEP THE GAP BETWEEN WHAT THEY CAN AFFORD AND WHAT THE MARKET RATES ARE GOING FOR. SO I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER FUNDING AND FINANCING THAT GAP TO ALLOW FOR THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AS WELL AS THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, PRIME PROPERTY IN AREAS OF AUSTIN THAT ARE BECOMING SCARCE MORE AND MORE EACH DAY. I SEE PROPERTY BEING GOBBLED UP BY DEVELOPERS AND PUTTING IN RENTAL HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS OFTEN TELL US THAT THEY'RE VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO THAT BECAUSE OF THE TRANSITIONAL PEOPLE THAT COME THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND THEY'RE LOOKING AT BUILDING THEIR COMMUNITIES. THEY'VE BEEN IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THEY WANT TO STABILIZE THEIR COMMUNITIES AND BUILD THEM. AND ONE OF THE WAYS IS THROUGH HOME OWNERSHIP. SO THOSE ARE THE TWO AREAS THAT I FACE WITH CONCERN EACH DAY AND I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO CONSIDER PROGRAMS THAT FUND GAP FINANCING AS WELL AS ACQUISITION. THANK YOU.

14. NATALIA MORALES, ESL Student, Colombia.

I AM FROM COLOMBIA AND I HAVE BEEN – THE LAST SEVEN YEARS I HAVE BEEN IN MEXICO STUDYING MEDICINE WITH A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AND NOW I'M HERE IN AUSTIN AND I JOINED THIS FREE ESL PROGRAM AND LEARNING MORE ENGLISH SO I CAN BECOME LIKE A BILINGUAL DOCTOR SO I CAN HELP MORE PEOPLE. AND THIS PROGRAM IS VERY CONVENIENT BECAUSE, FIRST OF ALL, BECAUSE IT'S FREE. SECOND, BECAUSE THE SCHEDULE IS VERY COMFORTABLE, SO YOU CAN WORK DURING THE DAY AND YOU CAN LEARN MORE ENGLISH DURING THE NIGHT. SECOND, IT MAKES PEOPLE MORE PRODUCTIVE IN THEIR JOBS. AND IT'S HELPING A LOT OF PEOPLE TO REALIZE THAT ENGLISH IS NOT THAT DIFFICULT. YOU REALLY CAN LEARN IF YOU WANT TO. AND AFTER YOU FINISH THIS PROGRAM, AFTER YOU FINISH LIKE ALL THE LEVELS, FOR EXAMPLE, I AM IN THE LAST LEVEL, SO I'M PLANNING NOW IN MAY WHEN I FINISH THIS LEVEL, MAYBE I CAN GO TO A PRIVATE CLASSES IN A.C.C., SO I'M SAVING MY MONEY TO GO THERE AND LEARN EVEN MORE. SO THAT'S ONE GOOD THING, PEOPLE CAN REALIZE THEY CAN DO IT, THEY CAN LEARN WITH THESE FREE PROGRAMS. SO PLEASE CONTINUE FUNDING FOR THIS GOOD PROGRAM AND IT'S HELPING A LOT OF PEOPLE.

15. RORY O'MALLEY, HOUSING WORKS COALITION

WHICH IS A COALITION OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, BUSINESS LEADERS AND OTHER CITIZENS IN AUSTIN WHO ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CRITICAL NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHERE WE KNOW THAT IT'S ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN 54,000 FAMILIES WHO ARE PAYING TOO MUCH FOR THEIR HOUSING, AND THAT MEANS THEY'RE NEGLECTING OTHER KINDS OF NEEDS. WHERE A FAMILY WOULD NEED TO EARN \$31,000 A YEAR IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD A TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT.

HERE THE HOME OWNERSHIP RATE IS AT ABOUT 48% COMPARED WITH 64% ACROSS THE STATE. AND THAT IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND HISPANIC COMMUNITIES, THE HOME OWNERSHIP RATES ARE EVEN MUCH LOWER AT 37%. WHERE WE HAVE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO TEND TO BE OF VERY LOW INCOMES, WHO ARE CHALLENGED TO BE ABLE TO FIND SOMETHING THAT IS ADAPTED TO THEIR NEEDS WITH THE INCOME AND RENT OR HOME PAYMENT THAT THEY CAN AFFORD. AND OUR SENIOR CITIZENS WE'VE SURVEYED RECENTLY HAVE INDICATED A MAJOR ISSUE FOR THEM WAS BEING ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE HOUSING THAT THEY'RE CURRENTLY IN, TO DO THE FOUNDATION REPAIRS, THE UTILITY REPAIRS, THE WEATHERIZATION THAT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP THEM IN THEIR HOUSING. AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE 4,000 STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE PERMANENT HOUSING OR IN TEMPORARY HOUSING, MEANING THAT MANY OF THESE STUDENTS ARE MOVING FROM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AS THEIR FAMILIES TRY TO FIND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE HAVE A CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE WOULD URGE YOU THAT IN THE CONTEXT WHERE YOU'RE FACING CUTS ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MONIES AND THE HOME PROGRAMS AND OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS WITH LIMITED RESOURCES THAT YOU FOCUS THOSE CRITICAL RESOURCES ON THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE THE GREATEST NEEDS, THE MOST CRITICAL NEEDS, AND THOSE BEING THE PERSONS THAT HAVE INCOMES BELOW 30% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME. I APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

**City of Austin
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Jay Felderman

Salvation Army Passages Program

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program is a partnership between the housing authority, the City, transitional housing. Since 1998, 425 families received services for 12-18 months, and there are currently 45 families. Services include case management, child care, financial assistance, drug counseling, job readiness, transition to permanent housing, families can reduce debt and increase skills and income. I ask you to continue funding for TBRA at \$753,925 per year for service up to 75 families.

Enrique Rivera

Famili Connections, Chair Homeless Task Force

There are many in Austin currently lack housing, many are working poor, on a fixed income. Please remember them when considering funding for programs. Community Development Block Grant funding has been used for child care assistance through public services to serve working poor, people in shelters and in transitional housing. Our program helps families to find employment or to get on wait lists for state programs to get their life stable gain. There are many people who need these services. Please continue funding child care as a priority.

Walter Moreau

Director of Foundation Communities

Foundation Communities is a provider of affordable housing and social services in Austin. There is a critical need for additional permanent supportive housing. In the 10 year plan and other reports there are many statistics showing the high amount of people who are homeless on any night. In particular, there are many homeless children, about 4000 without fixed stable home. Their families may be in cars, hotels, moving around a lot. There are three compelling reasons to make additional permanent supportive housing a high priority. It won't be provided by private market. We have to keep rents so low. Second- it serves families with the greatest need. Third - funding works. It's a real solution to make sure that homeless pop doesn't grow, and people don't fall through cracks to become homeless. Garden terrace is one of our facilities and offers 85 rooms and there is a waiting list of as far as 200 people. Soon, the old Hearthside hotel will be opening. We are hoping to open a third Single Room Occupancy out of an old Ramada hotel. There are 38 units set aside in one of our apartment communities reserved for families with children, and there is a waiting list.

Supportive housing works. We encourage commission to look at increase funding for this despite dwindling federal resources. We should also support housing bonds to increase stock of housing. We have a need for more rental subsidies and operating support, and particularly there is a gap in funding for that. It would be helpful if that could be an allowable use of supportive housing funding to create an operating reserve to have those funds to support.

Karen Brown
Garden Terrace

I've been displaced over 4 times in the past few years. I've lost material things plus pride and self esteem. I managed to get my own place only with unemployment benefits, and was on a waiting list to get an apartment at Garden Terrace. I moved in in February. Low rent allows me to have time to spend time with my grandchildren and help others out when in they are in need. It helps me look forward to the future. I am stable now, and I would not be in my stable situation if it wasn't for Garden Terrace. The computer room is really helpful, there are meetings for AA and CODA and Life Skills classes. There is a resident council and I am the secretary. Last year, we asked our residents to buy gifts for children at Christmas and it was really wonderful. All are affected by homeless-musicians, disabled people, secretaries. Garden Terrace is a melting pot of unfortunate people who have been given a great opportunity to get on their feet.

Richard Franklin

ESGRA: Shared Governance and Revitalization of East Austin

I am the president of shared governance and revitalization of East Austin coalition of coalitions and am a part of the Black Austin Democrats. Working out of center at Rosewood and Oak Springs. Offering our assistance in creating the CDBG Action Plan. There needs to be an increase in dollars to go to the East side, an increased dollar amount for housing for people at 60% Median Family Income in the East Austin area. Acquisition should be made available for area Community Development Corporations with Home funds. There should be a requirement that all entities using federal dollars put aside money for minority participation, increase minority businesses and create jobs with livable wages. There needs to be a maximization of efforts to alleviate slum and blight.

Ronnie Jones

Attorney, Austin Area Urban League

On behalf of the Austin Area Urban League regarding Emergency Home Repair program. This program is importance and has a great impact on our community. The Urban League has a long history with City of Austin- about 28 years of providing these vital services- plumbing, roofing, electrical, heating, to over 400 owner occupied units. We are proud to say that we have always exceeded our targets that City of Austin offers. We are partnering with the private sector. In 2005 we repaired 616 homes when our goal was 565, and in 2006 we are on target to exceed our contracted goal. We have set a low bar since our funding has been challenged. We want to repair at least 465 homes this year. Last year we were cut by about \$100,000. Please support continued funding for this program or increase the funding since the need far exceeds the funds available. In terms of gaps we have about 18 month waiting list for major roof repairs.

Danita Caldwell

Austin Area Urban League

Funding reduced our goal is to cut the 18 month waiting period in half and double our people served. Our goal has been reduced by 100 homes. Know that city of Austin affordable housing is worse than other cities in texas, and we have been providing this service for three decades.

Rudy Rios

Manager of Austin Area Urban League

We ask for continued support for funding from CDBG. We replace roofs, repair plumbing and electrical. Right now roofs are about \$3500 per house, and some roofs are way above our guidelines. Electrical repairs allow us to make complete upgrades in homes with faulty electrical systems. Many of our contractors have been with us since 1977. The need is so great so our Mayor has asked the private sector to match funds for Emergency Home Repair so that more people can live in a house that is safe and allow them to stay in their homes.

Alta Moten

Austin Area Urban League

The City of Austin with CDBG has provided funding for 28 years to assist low-income homeowners with emergency and crisis housing repairs. Will Wynn has challenged private companies in the Corporate Community Challenge to fund the home repair program. He encourages people to pledge, to volunteer resources, to donate home repair and supplies, and provide support by promoting and give cash donations such as discounts, in kind services such as marketing and advertising.

Christina Hanlon- Harvey

Youth and Family Assessment Center at Communities in Schools

Communities in Schools started as a partner with YFAC in 2003 with City and Travis county, with MHMR and others. The program targets twelve schools for children with challenges, who have exhausted their resources and aren't sure where to go next. Many are children in protective services, and are high need children, with chronic truancy and behavior problems. The social workers provide wrap around model, which is individualized to meet the need of the family. Prevention is the key and its cost effective with attempting to deal with these problems. The program provides in home services. Last year the program served 100 youth and 202 of their siblings and 100 of their parents. We use CDBG funding for mentoring, respite care, in home, parent coaching, psychiatric, nontraditional therapies. Outcomes children who graduated: 76% met their treatment plan goals; 75% had improvement; 67% improved attendance rate; 64% showed improved school behavior. There was reduction in stress level and improved relationships with their parents and the parents with the child.

Michael Hurewitz

Communities In Schools

I ask for support for CDBG funding for YFAC. CIS is a non profit to prevent drop outs, who will eventually cost our community more money. CIS has full time social workers on 47 campuses. One social worker can do a lot of good, and many needs more in depth services. Care coordinators are able to provide individualized services. Wrap around is a best practice. We need CDBG dollars to fund supports for these families. There are so many important needs for those dollars, and there is a risk that these dollars will be decreased and will reduce what we will be able to do in the community. We are able to leverage other dollars in the community. We can connect families with Medicaid. Have leveraged \$481,000 in resources. The State spends for Texas Youth Commission \$17 million and Travis County spends \$7 million, and we are only talking about \$100,000 or so for our program.

Leticia Gutierrez

Social Worker and Care Coordinator

YFAC CIS

We get referrals from Oak Springs Elementary School, which goes through the impact team, and we form a partnership with the families and create a plan to support the family with their particular needs. Common needs are the inability to pay bills, child abuse, mental health, school advocacy. CDBG makes a huge difference. Psychiatric evaluations, summer interventions such as summer camps, tutoring, speech therapy. Prevention is the key. We are able to support these families – one of my clients 12 year old, oldest of four children, family conflict, defiance, newborn was tested pos for cocaine, two biological fathers were incarcerated, in home counseling, skills training, group mentoring for children together, school based support groups, financial assistance, tutoring, and the impact team has repeatedly recognized their progress. Their behavior has improved, they are calmer, more responsive, clean home, schedule, weekly youth church group, and no cps reports, and mother has been employed for over a year. Mother is more involved at school and no longer drinks.

Mary Martinez

Clients for the CIS program

It is a good program and I am a single mother raising two kids. Very good for the children, very supportive, case managers the way they interact with the families is very good. I wish you all take into consideration about what needs to be done for this program.

Rosa Velasquez

Client YFAC

When I entered the program, I had many needs with my three kids, I was desperate, and they helped with therapist, mentors, and accompany to school meetings, MHMR medical help for hyperactivity, with school clothing. We have a therapist and a mentor. My 10 year old has improved, and my others have improved. Mentor assists the 10 year old with school work, 5 year old is hyperactive, has had problems up until now. I am very satisfied with services, am a better mother and want my children to be better citizens.

Mark Weiss

Client of Family Eldercare

Been a client for three months, and was at Salvation Army previously. I was originally from Miami, where if a person went broke there was no assistance in that area, and you had to pay for Salvation Army. The closest place was Austin, so I came here and I found this social network and support network very beneficial in contrast to Miami.

Jim Lehrman

Director of Children Services with Travis county

YFAC

Two other components to the program are: 1) Support services program with referrals for community centers, offering the same kind of case planning to build on their strengths to be more successful as a family, and in the school system. 2) Summer camps is the other component which is targeted at elementary school children. Show stress of behavior problems and offer life skill building, dealing with conflict and communicating in teams. We are facing 10% reduction in service dollars, which will reduce core families that we serve, or we will have to reduce or negate the social work time in the community centers, or do away with the camps. Not great choices, and I urge you to consider our funding needs.

Diana Groves

Austin ISD YFAC

Intervention specialist, for elementary to high school. We have over 80,000 children in AISD, and divided into 103 campuses, and only 12 campuses are partnering with YFAC. We wish that we could have it in more schools. They incorporate intensive interventions, when the school has exhausted other interventions with families, with families with complicated needs and multiple issues. This increases academic performance and improves behavior with relationships. We need continued support to protect this service in schools, and we need more funding in perfect world. Funding for all agencies in our communities is shrinking and our needs and problems seem to grow.

Joyce Hefner

Family Eldercare

We have been part of Austin for over 25 years and people with disabilities and elderly support services, and we receive ESG and CDBG funding. There have been cuts and there are further proposed cuts, and we can't bear those cuts with our large unmet need. For our agencies we provide affordable home care with seniors, case management, bill payer, housing for crisis and advocacy for seniors, these are critical to keep people in homes. We have waiting lists and we ask to support this service at least \$120,000 we already have. To help people who need support services and help to access their benefits. Representative payee allows them to access \$46,000 in benefits. We hope to continue this success. Please keep our allocation of \$40,000 maintained so that we can support our care givers and provide safe reliable alternatives.

Robert Miller

Family Eldercare

I've been a client for about one year. I was on the streets, at the ARCH, and this program helped me get an apartment, get my SSI benefits, get my bills paid because I had problems spending my money the right way. They offered a lot of support, and now I live in Garden Terrace.

Curtis Vailes

Family Eldercare

They are good people, and I have been with them for over two years. They have helped me and been with me at a time when I've been pretty stubborn and have helped me when I have needed it and haven't been up to the task. I really appreciate them. They treat you with a smile, and worry about you if they don't hear from you.

Carol Redman

Family Eldercare

I've worked for Family Eldercare for 2.5 years, and have seen seven regular clients almost every week. Each person is treated with dignity, and help people with sheets, to be creative, problem solve, but everything makes a great deal of difference to those people who want to be able to stay in their homes. Drive my clients to the grocery store, get their hair done, standing appointments and some need it just once in a while.

Sara Simpson

Family Eldercare

I have no car, they have been just wonderful and can't thank you enough and especially this lady here who has been like a right arm to me.

Connie Terry

Family Eldercare

We look at their social, physical, and emotional well being, and we help them pay their bills and manage their bank accounts, make sure rent is paid. We have a waiting list of 50 clients and one other agency doing this service. It takes them one year to get a bill payer. We get phone calls every single day and it breaks our heart to have to put them on the wait list.

Helen Baker

Family Eldercare client

My electric was cut off and I had been diagnosed with anemia and have to get help with hemoglobin count, and my thinking gets fuzzy when it goes down, it gets hard to have the strength to pay the bills, my experience with the volunteer and case manager, they have been considerate and encouraging and respectful and help me keep my check register straight.

Kendra Peters

Family Eldercare

I manage Elder Shelter for men and women seniors. We provide critical service for seniors-- some are homeless and others on the verge of homeless, and we help them obtain case management to obtain permanent and affordable housing, we had to turn away 56 people who needed services. Women's transitional shelter is the only place for elderly women or women with disabilities, and give seniors options. Started shelter with collaborative with for profit developers who applied for tax credits, and we've been able to leverage CDBG funds to add 8 beds on the shelter, and hope to expand it. And providing a safety net, working with Travis County corporation, increased need with Katrina case management. Tom Omara is also here, and unable to speak but is here, and since he has immune compromised with throat cancer the shelter isn't appropriate for him and he has now found affordable housing, and we are almost coming into housing.

Jose Flores

Former client of Family Eldercare

I'm grateful to family eldercare, I came out of hospital with sever pulmonary disease for which there is no cure, and to maintain my level of comfort, and am on 24 hours of oxygen, and my impression with family eldercare was their ability to explore every opportunity to help me. Thanks to them, I was able to get a CO2 and oxygen bottle and they were instrumental in returning to me my dignity and that I am not alone in this world, they were like my guardian angels, although have not preached any kind religion or politics have always helped me and I have to take lots of medications a day ad were help in my housing application, and now have an apartment and couldn't have that without them. It's a tremendous organization.

Something to eat, restore to you a sense of dignity and pride in a community of people who really care for you. Different nationalities different creeds, all religions and we all get along so beautifully when we are guided by a certain org that wants to restore your dignity. Plead to you to restore their funding because they can really expand their services and help so many people who don't belong at the arch or salvation army.

Kim O'Connor

Guardianship Program at Eldercare

Help them make decisions for themselves because they have ruled incapacitated by the court, and we can help them with finances and housing. One of my clients is a 78 year old woman who was living in a dilapidated home with no medical care, and her family was stealing money from her, and we were appt to be her legal guardian. Found her a home that she could live in with her two cats, we are keeping her funds safe from the exploitation she was receiving before. This is a very important service and people who need help.

Carolyn Nunley

Guardian advocate volunteers

I check on a person at a nursing home, to make sure he is OK and report back to family eldercare and I can report problems and have gotten good support and training, reference materials and can call and send email and there is nice recognition to encourage other people to volunteer. The people I serve have no family and no friends whatsoever. Family eldercare is helping to improve conditions in nursing homes by having volunteers in homes to report problems to insure quality of nursing home facilities. Family eldercare should be continued and increased.

Rudy Meyers

Child Incorporated our Headstart program

We serve low income preschool children and their families and we are recognized for our best practices, but we are facing more cuts. We did needs assessment on the status of child care and early child younger than 5 years old. In Travis County, within all income groups, 46,000 mothers are in the work force with a child under age 6. Many households have an income of less than \$25,000 with children under five in the community. So the unmet need for 21,000 children, we are talking about low income. 27,000 children under five on Medicaid, foodstamps, and TANF. 16,227 have all parents working from this group, so it suggests a great childcare need. There are just 9,000 subsidized slots in the community, showing a shortfall of over 11,000 low income children.

Stacy Yates

Blackland Community Development Corporation, Social Worker

I am a social worker with homeless and very low income families and am the vice chair of homeless task force, and I have worked for many different homeless organizations. Families make up over 40% of our populations, homeless situations cause many problems for children such as behavioral problems, which can get in way of educational attainment, and the homeless situation greatly increases health and mental health problems. Extremely-low income families can be head by a full time worker, at 7\$ a hour, which doesn't help. Providing housing opportunities such as affordable housing, and shelter space is limited, solution is not just shelter but to build more housing opportunities. Over 6000 are on waiting lists for housing authorities, and there are a few transitional housing programs out there. Please continue funding TBRA and low rental rate programs, and please fund more programs that serve barriers to housing like childcare, \$5-700 a month and rent is a huge barrier for most families, as well as debts to previous landlords and Austin energy.

Jesse Palacios

Austin Tenants Council Housing Counselor

In 04-05, Renters rights programs met or exceeded all program goals, and services are for clients who need it most, such as very low income. Our clients are most likely to experience substandard conditions, over 75% are very satisfied with our services, and 98% are at least satisfied in our survey we distribute.

We received an award for the 2004-05 Operation Restore Hope collaboration with Austin Police Department and private entities which helps residents in areas with high crime rates and organize with tenants and assist them alleviate repairs and help them alleviate unhealthy conditions. ATC also wrote for and received funding for its enforcement and testing. Most successful program in nation. Cooperative relation with COA Human Relations Commission, and has resulted in better fair housing laws. CDBG support is important for the success of this program.. We have helped many have filed complaints with HUD and legal actions for their fair housing accommodations. Over 20 years of assistance. We help Katrina evacuees, we have documented about 70 evacuees who have asked us. We have repeat offender landlords, and we report them to building inspection and last resort go to court system. Newsletter goes out about fair housing, translates difficult or complex issues into lay language.

Jennifer McPhail

ADAPT of Texas

Our problems haven't gone away, and affordability is a major problem and here are truly fewer housing for people with disabilities. We only get 7000plus a year to pay for housing and all other bills. There may be temptation to provide housing that segregate people with disabilities, and there are many people who have problems with attendant care and ABR is extremely important to people with disabilities, would like to say that the tenants council helped me get my bathroom and a renovation took out the accessibility to my house and the tenants council provides a very essential service. We finally have accessibility for multi family housig and we need to increase it for single family.

Jody Williams and Rose Coleman
Childcare

Teen parents with Johnston high school to talk about child care. There are four individual high schools that we have workers in teen parent programs and please continue to keep teen parents and their children in mind when considering funding from the CDBG.

Jody Williams

I have passed out pictures of some of our students and their children that we help in our programs, and we are trying to serve all of those students parenting class, counseling, child development, referrals and resources, job readiness, maintain highest quality care so our young parents will know what good quality child care looks like. Consider our youngest parents in your budgeting decisions. Males and female teen parents. We would like to expand our services to funding clinics at other schools

Michael Willard
Austin Habitat for Humanity

Homeownership is 70% across the country. In Austin we lag behind the national average at only 45%, and with minorities it's much much lower. We have been working with minorities and we have served 179 families in over 25 years. Serves 25-55% Median Family Income, and in continuum of housing services, habitat is supportive of homeownership category. We are reaching people who can't afford a house on open market so it is important, because land is our most critical need. We want to build 100 houses in 5 years, and we need to be able find dollars and leveraged dollars for this to happen. Expensive market to develop housing and makes it hard to provide housing to low income individuals. Land costs have skyrocketed, and then, additional costs to develop that land, one way to reduce those costs is to be able to increase density, build closer together so we can better utilize our land. 50:50 percent of south to north side of river. Community land trusts is something habitat has discussed, and my personal bias is that full homeownership is biggest advantage we provide our homeowners, and CLTs provide a step between rental and full homeownership. Also chair of CHDO roundtable, and I request funding for CHDO Capacity Building, and those dollars we use to increase capacity of CHDOs. We can offer 3 bedroom 55,000 with deep subsidy, with 0 interest mortgage,

Emlyn Lee
Austin ACC ESL Program

Adults ESL and free daycare, and we are at the Becker location, and am active member of Austin community I am impassioned about global and cultural understandings, and we have many international communities here, Columbia to Mexico to China. We help with grammar and pronunciation and being better parents to help them with teacher meetings with homework and progressing with their own professional and personal lives. Lifeskills and cross cultural activities sharing their own cultures.

Lizette (not on sign in sheet)

ESL Student from Mexico

Its important for me to improve English for my kids, this is best option for me since its free and classes are all over the City. I am working towards taking my citizen test, and I don't have much money to apply for class and day care, help with pronunciation and apply for citizenship test and be better citizen. I hope to come to this class and take TCEL class to attend ACC and eventually UT.

Lu Zeidan

ESL program teacher

I've taught for over five ears. Teaching English is not a luxury it's a necessity to help them be able to talk to teacher, help them with their children. Very hard to come to class after working 8-10 hours, but they come and try to learn a new language, people are there because they want to support their children and families. When funding is cut, sites are cut, and that is what makes it so accessible to people who many times only have transportation with buses, an not just Spanish speakers, I also work with refugees, and this is the only place I can refer them.. According to national clearinghouse for language 500-1000 hours of instruction to learn a new language so it's a real commitment for those students.

Venelin Valyavicharski

ESL Student From Bulgaria, Europe

I've been in Austin for three years. Thank you for free ESL program. I need to learn English and have good education in my country but need English to fit with my education and to be useful with my knowledge and skills. Studied different ESL classes, but its first time I met this classes, its been very helpful.

Rudy Pena

ESL Student from El Salvador

I have a dream to learn English and have my GED, and to have my dream I need these classes. Please keep these classes, its important because they have day care, and my dream is going to be a nurse, and this class is like a door for me to open to get my dream.

Virginia Torres

ESL Student from Mexico

English was my only option when I came here to us, and other programs, and ask everyone and if you understand me, this program is successful, and its great that I am talking English and you are understanding me.

Nikolay Koutzarou

ESL student for Bulgaria

Thank my teacher to give me opportunity Bulgarian and here six years. This program gives me possibility to go to school free. Other people who come here we are parents we come here with our dreams, and our children have free education, and like a father I want to feel comfortable to talk to his teacher and give him examples and help him to my son. Thanks to this program, and hope this program can have funding and without this education I can't be a great father, helps schools and teachers.

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**Jeffrey Richard, President and Chief Executive Officer
Austin Area Urban League**

I'm here to tell you about the Austin Area Urban League and what it does with the Community Development Funds it receives. The Austin Area Urban League was founded 96 years ago to redress inequities in human life. This was at a time before woman could vote. It is the oldest civil rights organization in the United States. There are three Urban Leagues in Texas: Dallas, Houston and Austin. The chapter in Austin was founded in 1977. We empower communities, one individual at a time. Urban League brings businesses, communities and individuals together to improve things. It uses the classic model of "teach a person to fish." I am an economist, statistician, licensed minister and an elected official (I serve proudly on the Austin Community College Board). Austin is a progressive city. This is due to the educational and technical level of its residents as well as the presence of the University of Texas. Urban League is concerned with Human Capital. We have 10 programs ranging from office skills to dress for success and interview skills. Also a first time homebuyer program. We have a center for housing and emergency home repair. This does crisis home repair for homeowners who are income eligible, electrical, plumbing, roof repair and replacements. Statistics tell the story, we exceeded our goals. In 2005 we served 39% Hispanic, then in rank order by proportion, African-Americans, Anglos, Asians. We have support from other entities, the Mayor's million dollar challenge. Urban League is here to stay and help everybody.

**Margo Weiss, Executive Director
People Fund (Formerly Austin Community Development Corporation)**

Our primary program is loans to small businesses. Texas is rated number 42 in assets to capital for small businesses, so it is a problem. Part of this is due to Texas' restrictive home equity laws. Because of this situation, there are also a high number of subprime lenders in the state. The Austin Area has the lowest number/percentage of minority owned firms in the state and we are looking into the reasons that is. We are looking to long-time business owners to sell it and have some equity. We have speakers, such as John Powell with the Save One Institute and he is an expert on poverty and development. We have a problem with a society where some are only workers. Kids need role models that look like they do.

**Yolanda Edwards, Entrepreneur
Sleepy Time**

I would like to ask you to go to people who were declined (for loan programs) and see why they were declined. See who you are supporting and who they are funding and who they are not. I have a proposal for a child care center for 2nd and 3rd shift employees. The City of Austin created a task force on this issue, there is a need. You need to look into your programs. I give away school supplies and back packs, and we ask for help from these agencies and get none. I'm talking about accessibility. We need accessibility to

these funds and they are not accessible. I have 20 years experience running a day care center, but I was denied a loan because I was "self-employed, and because I was a "new" business. I had to go to out of state to get funding. We have good plans, we need access. If you look at the boards of these agencies, they are composed of bankers. So we are being denied twice, once at the bank, and then again by these organizations.

Richard Franklin, Vice Chair

Coalition of Shared Governance and Revitalization of Austin

We don't have access. As you just heard, we have to justify what's going on. I have a Thursday morning talk show on KAZI. I have 10 years restaurant experience but I can't get funded. We have a plan to combine education and employment to improve education. Let us know how to access the dollars. How can we access \$1,000,000 for KAZI so we can communicate with the whole community?

Claudia, Conner, Gene's

BiG (Businesses Invest In Growth) Austin

Eleven years ago, Jeanette Peten in East Austin started this organization when the area was quite different and things were different. Now we've come full circle and we're here again in East Austin. BiG Austin is a citizen. My husband and I own Genes, and we got a loan from BIG Austin. Then they suggested the deck and we are doing quite well. I love Big Austin because they teach and give loans to small business. They serve every walk of people, mindset is like a for-profit although it is a non-profit. They do mentoring...People who have credit problems..help them clean it up. Have to communicate with the credit reporting agencies. The loan committee is from varied bankers. Randall Pinkett, who was chosen as Donald Trump's apprentice on the TV show, came here and ignited us.

Lou Sneed, Minister

Faith Presbyterian

Austin Interfaith

I'm not here to promote any particular program or strategy but to talk about a need. This isn't a new one, its Affordable housing. For all the good things we can say about Austin, and there are many, I'm afraid its going to get so that only a certain kind of folks will end up being able to live here. If you are making less than \$10 per hour, you can't live here. Working low income families are having a hard time and this problem stretches across all racial and ethnic groups. The issue is priorities. Paul Hilgers has said it is a billion dollar problem. Housing is a serious problem for low income working folks. I went to a downtown affordable housing summit and it cost me \$25 to attend. I wonder where do people who need the housing get the money for a ticket. I agree that the question is "Downtown Affordable Housing: Is it an oxymoron?" I'm afraid downtown is going to be a ghetto of the wealthy. Son is a high school graduate and a hospital worker making \$10 per hour. Least expensive apartment he can find near South Austin hospital is \$500 per month. My mother who is 95 years old was living independently but the taxes became too expensive for her fixed income and she had to move in with him.

Fred McGee

Do you remember me? I hope you do. Why is the Montopolis Chair on the Commission still vacant? I would like to speak about historic preservation. The plan from last year says it supports it, but I'm here to ask you to fund it. I'm thinking it's not a huge amount of money, maybe as a baseline in the low six figures, to do a study of historical resources in East Austin, not just East 11th and 12th Streets, but all of East Austin. Or, Santa Rita Courts, the oldest housing project in the country. You may know that I am working on a proposal to list Santa Rita Courts on the National Register of Historic Places. This is a case of quality vs. quantity. There was a lot written in the 1960s in flowery language about preserving the environment: the cultural and historical environment.

RAND STUDY SAYS EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION PROGRAMS SAVE MONEY AND BENEFIT CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SOCIETY

A RAND Corporation study issued today says well-designed programs for disadvantaged children age 4 and younger can produce economic benefits ranging from \$1.26 to \$17 for each \$1 spent on the programs.

The report by RAND Labor and Population says effective early childhood programs return more to society in benefits than they cost, by enabling youngsters to lead more successful lives and be less dependent on future government assistance. Researchers say this is because such programs help children improve their thinking skills, do better in school and develop socially.

The large differences in the dollar returns for different programs reflect variations in the populations of children served by the programs and the range of benefits that researchers could express in dollar terms. As a result, not all programs could be easily compared to other programs on a dollar basis or expressed in dollar values.

The report says high-quality early childhood programs can keep children out of expensive special education programs; reduce the number of students who fail and must repeat a grade in school; increase high school graduation rates; reduce juvenile crime; reduce the number of youngsters who wind up on welfare as adults; increase the number of students who go to college; and help adults who participated in the programs as children get better jobs and earn higher incomes.

Some of the largest benefits came from the most expensive and comprehensive programs that provide services to children throughout their first five years of life. The researchers found, however, that even some small-scale, less expensive programs also provided benefits. In addition, more disadvantaged children tend to receive greater benefits from programs. The research team believes that its estimates of benefits are likely to be conservative.

The RAND study focused on three types of early childhood programs that are typically called intervention programs and target children who need help because of several factors – such as living in poverty or in a single-parent household. Examples of intervention programs are:

- Parent education and child development services starting as early as the prenatal period – such as home visits by trained nurses who work with families.
- Center-based programs starting anywhere from soon after a child's birth to one or two years before kindergarten entry – such as Early Head Start and Head Start.
- A combination of the home visits or parent education with center-based programs.

Parents may also receive benefits from the early childhood programs, the study found. For example, mothers can get jobs when their children attend a full-day early childhood program, increasing a family's income. This also benefits society by reducing family's dependency on government assistance and increasing tax revenues.

In addition, the report says early childhood programs that focus on the entire family can help parents provide better care to their children and make it less likely that parents will mistreat their children. This reduces health care costs for children, including trips to the emergency room.

"Programs that provide developmentally appropriate services to disadvantaged children and their families can prepare children for school and pay dividends to society throughout their lives," said Lynn Karoly, a RAND senior economist and lead author of the study. "These benefits have been demonstrated through high-quality evaluations of many programs."

Other authors of the study are Rebecca Kilburn and Jill Cannon of RAND. The study – called "Early Childhood Interventions: Proven Results, Future Promise" – was funded by The PNC

Financial Services Group, Inc. (NYSE: PNC) through its PNC Grow Up Great Initiative, 10-year, \$100 million investment to improve school readiness for children from birth to age five.

"This growing body of evidence makes a compelling case for the need for and the importance of high quality early childhood education," said Eva Tansky Blum, PNC senior vice president and director of PNC Grow Up Great. "Investing in the academic success of our children directly contributes to the overall economic health of our nation."

Twenty percent of children in the United States younger than age 6 live in poverty, putting them at a greater risk of poor developmental outcomes during their school years and beyond.

Nearly half of all young children in the U.S. face at least one of four risk factors in early childhood associated with poor developmental outcomes and a lack of school readiness: living in poverty; residing in a single-parent household or with a mother who has less than a high school education; and having parents who do not speak English at home. About 16 percent of children face two or more of these risk factors.

The RAND researchers found that several key features of intervention programs appear to be associated with the best results:

- Better-trained caregivers, such as a lead teacher with a college degree in a center-based program, or a trained nurse in home-visit programs.
- Smaller child-to-staff ratios in center-based programs.
- More intensive programs, though the evidence does not indicate an optimal number of hours children should attend and how this may vary with a child's risk characteristics.

The study confirms and expands on findings from an earlier RAND study, also headed by Karoly, which drew on a more limited body of research. That study – "Investing in Our Children: What We Know and Don't Know About the Costs and Benefits of Early Childhood Interventions" – identified 10 programs with evaluations that were detailed enough to compare.

The new study identified twice as many early intervention programs with sound evaluations, including 16 that followed participants until at least the time of school entry – and in one case 35 years after the program ended.

Researchers need to gather more information from programs for longer periods of time to reach a consensus on many important remaining questions, the study found. These include determining additional characteristics that make programs successful, and determining whether different interventions are needed for children with different risk factors.

RAND Labor and Population examines issues involving U.S. labor markets, the demographics of families and children, social welfare policy, the social and economic functioning of the elderly, and economic and social change in developing countries.

A printed copy of "Early Childhood Interventions: Proven Results, Future Promise" (ISBN: 0-8330-3836-2) can be ordered from RAND's Distribution Services (order@rand.org or call toll-free in the United States 877-584-8642)

At the Child Development Center at Crockett High School, we have served many students this year, and 15 of them will be graduating in May of this year.

Without this program, these teenagers will have a very difficult time attending school and all of the activities and networking opportunities that are provided here. Their childcare arrangements will be scarce and volatile. Changing childcare placements do not offer optimal learning opportunities for very young children, nor do they create a nurturing and trusting atmosphere for their social/emotional growth. Without at least a high school diploma, these students will be forced to accept lower paying jobs with little advancement potential.

We offer a TEA-approved parenting education course which our students may take for credit. We also have a very active Parent Association group which plans events to do at the Center with their children, offers suggestions on improving communications and streamlining and organizing our classroom paperwork, and makes strategy suggestions.

These young parents are involved not only in learning about their children and about being a responsible parent, but also about what they are going to do when they graduate, and how to make it happen!

At Crockett, students in our program have our program counselor and the school nurse visiting the parenting class regularly, along with speakers from a wide variety of organizations who share a wealth of information and resources. The students also participate with their children in assessments done throughout the year by the Child Development Center teachers, and also by the Nursing Department at the University of Texas.

Children with special needs have the benefit of working with experienced, educated and nurturing teachers and health professionals in our NAEYC accredited facility. Young parents are empowered by belonging to a team that has their family's best interests at heart, and works with them to plan adaptations for their child to be successful.

In this positive and pro-active atmosphere we are witnessing students thrive and create their own positive futures. Young families are moving into careers and attending college, supporting their children and themselves, and raising happy and healthy children. They are becoming productive citizens in our society, and being excellent role models for their children.

We are, teachers and parents alike, proud to be the Child Development Center at Crockett High School!!

juliamaffei@hotmail.com

Beginning English as a Second Language student were asked to write their comments on the possibility of funding cuts to the AISD Adult Education ESL program.

Brooke School. Beginning Literacy ESL. Julia Maffei, teacher. March 28, 2006
Translation by Julia Maffei:

My name is Leticia Rodriguez. For all of us the English program is very important to help us learn English. We need English very much, like when our kids get sick and we take them to the clinic. There are times when there are not many people who can translate for us from English. Also, it is very important that we have a teacher that teaches us. If it weren't for them, we would not learn English. We ask you to please not close the program. Thank you for everything.

Leticia Rodriguez

Please do not cut funding for English classes. All the people that come here need to learn English to be better day by day and to move ahead in our daily lives. Thank you. Thank you to the government to bless us with this help and also thank you to the president and the nation. With much respect, thank you to everyone.

Luis

The job of a cook may seem easy, but when managing the stove, electric kitchen utensils and the cleaning chemicals, therefore is we do not understand an order from our boss it can be dangerous for the health of our customers and ourselves.

Rolando

This program is necessary now that in these times my children need my help with their homework and I need to be able to answer the telephone and go to the doctor and my children's school. Don't take from us the opportunity to move ahead. In this country English is necessary as a basis for success. Also, for our teacher who helps us a lot and I believe she also has a great interest in teaching us.

Maria Araceli

I would like you to continue the classes. It is important for me. I need to know how to communicate with other people in my work. I am a heavy machine operator in the construction business. We would be very grateful to you if you would help us in this way. Thank you.

Carlos

Becker School. Beginning Literacy ESL. Julia Maffei, teacher. March 22, 2006

My name is Ling yi I'm from China. I need to study English because I talk with Americans.

Ling yi

Translation by Julia Maffei:

My name is Rubi. The program is very important because I need to learn English for my job and I need English in restaurants. It is very important to know English in this country to move ahead.

Rubi

Teresa. Mexico D.F. I work in sales. For me it is very important to learn English to be able to develop in this country, whether in the home with the children or at work to be able to communicate with other workers, in the stores, in all places, whether shopping or asking for information and to be able to communicate my needs in this country.

Teresa

Rosario Chavez Aguilar. I am from Mexico. We need these classes very much to learn the language and to be able to integrate into society for everything. It is very important that we have these classes.

My name is Marvin. The program is very important because I need to learn English to communicate at work, in stores, with police and at church. I am from El Salvador.

Marvin

My name is Adolfo. I am from Mexico. I work as a cook in a restaurant. The program is very important to me. I need to learn English to do my job well and to integrate myself into society and to have better opportunities in America.

Adolfo

My name is Saul. I'm from Mexico. My work is plumber. This program is very important to me because I want to integrate myself into society and I want to contribute to this country with my work and I think that if I can learn English it will be faster and easier. Please free classes.

Saul

My name is Alma. I am from el Salvador. I work as a housekeeper with desire to move ahead with my English classes. To improve myself and find other work, for this I ask that you support us with the program.

Alma

My name is Dulce. I am from Mexico. I think that the English program for Adults is very important, because we need to speak English to do our jobs well, to communicate with people for everything it is very important, because we came to find a better life and without English we cannot join into society.

Dulce

My name is Sara. I am Salvadorenean. For me the program is very important and I desire with my heart that you do not stop helping us with the assistance that we need to learn English and have better opportunities and take our families ahead. Knowing English helps us to interact with many more people.

Sara

My name is Edy. My country is Honduras. Studying English is very important to me to be able to communicate at my job, at my church and when I go to the doctor. I am thankful to the English program because I am learning a lot.

Edy

My name is Divino. I work as a driveway installer. I need this program to be able to communicate better with other people. Thank you very much.

Divino

Patricia, student at Becker school Adult Education ESL classes. I'm addressing you to present my request to continue our classes that are so important to me as a single mother. The classes are going to help me help my children in their education and at the same time interact more with the community and bring me a better quality of life and education. In order to contribute to the professional formation of my own children to be part of society, I need to continue with my classes. Thank you very much for your attention to my request.

Patricia

My name is Lupe. I am from el Salvador. I work as a housekeeper. I need the program to continue because I need to learn English to be able to get ahead in society and because it is necessary in whatever job that I find.

Lupe

My name is Rocio. This program is important for everyone who comes to the class, because we want to learn English, and personally, to integrate myself into society and to

be able to find a job. And not everyone can pay a school that gives English classes to Adults. In this country if you don't know the language, it is more difficult. That is why I want to learn English.

Rocio



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Mission Statement: *The Austin Child Care Council serves as a catalyst for the development of a comprehensive system of high quality early care and education for the children and support services for the well being of families*

March 28, 2006

Austin City Council
Austin, Texas

Dear Mayor Wynn and City Council Members:

The Child Care Council discussed the City's Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant funding in its meeting on March 21, 2006. I was asked by the CCC to submit our recommendation to you. The CCC developed the recommendation during last year's Action Planning process.

Recommendation: The Child Care Council recommends to Neighborhood Housing and Community Development and the City Council for the Community Planning Process for CDBG Programs, that:

Child care should be a very high priority for CDBG funding in the City's Action Plans to HUD.

1. Child care for specialized populations such as homeless, near-homeless, and teen parents is a critical need that may not be addressed by other types of child care funding.
2. Subsidized child care is not available to many low income families due to limited resources and long waiting lists.
3. Recommend that the City provide other funding to maintain at least the current funding levels, if there are cuts in CDBG child care funding.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Paver
Chairperson

xc: David Lurie, Director, Austin/Travis County HHSD
Action Plan, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office

REQUEST FOR FUNDING ALLOCATION NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS CHILD CARE PROJECT

To: Paul Hilger
Susan Villarreal
Community Development Commissioners

Date: May 10, 2006

Dear Mr. Hilger;

I am request that Community Development Commission allocate (\$100,000) of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds for the following activities;

Project Description:

Create Capacity for Non-Traditional Child Care Services

Provide high quality child care beyond the traditional hours of 6:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. in order to accommodate parents that work extended hours.

If there is an under-served market, it presents an opportunity; this is a fundamental principle of business. There are no licensed childcare facilities in the Austin market that provide care during the evening and night hours. Parents who are second and third shift workers need childcare during the evening and night hours.

Employers recognize that access to quality childcare for their employee makes good business sense because a distracted worker is not as productive as one that is focused.

Families in the Austin market have expressed problems finding weekend and evening childcare. Not surprisingly, almost half of all parents responding to a recent study indicated they would prefer to take care of their children themselves, but nearly 65% responded that they used alternative childcare arrangements (including family members, friends and neighbors). Family, friends and neighbors are the direct competitors for market share because there is no institutional provider during the proposed operation hours of the venture. Of the parents who requested childcare referrals from FamilyConnections, an Austin resource for issues affecting young children, nearly two-third requested information about subsidized childcare. Source: CTSIP Study, 2004. FamilyConnections, annual information and referral report for 2003.

Program Goal

Facilitating Stable, Flexible, Quality Child Care for employees that work 2nd and 3rd shift.

Objectives

- To create 200 child care slots for non-traditional work hours
- To develop a partnership based model for evening and night childcare
- To increase the range of programs for families working non-traditional hours

Anticipated Outcomes

- 200 licensed child care spaces for parents working non-traditional hours
- A model of child care delivery that supplies the need for longer, later hours of care, and evening and night child services.
- A service provider plan for evening and night child care services is developed that responds to the needs of the emerging need of the community
- A budget established for the support of current families facing financial hardship

If you would like any additional information, please don't hesitate to give me a call @ 512-419-1001.

Yolanda Edwards
Women Supporting Women

APPENDIX II:

Monitoring Plan

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City of Austin Monitoring Plan

The City of Austin's monitoring plan outlines the processes used to monitor compliance with federal, state and local requirements of assisted programs and project activities. Four monitoring processes are outlined in this section. The first addresses monitoring active contracts; the second addresses monitoring projects with an affordability period, or long-term monitoring requirements; the third addresses monitoring compliance with the City's Section 3 Plan; and the fourth describes performance measurement tracking and reporting.

The goal of the City of Austin's monitoring process is to assess sub-recipient/contractor performance in the areas of program, financial and administrative compliance with federal, state and municipal regulations and current program guidelines. Under this plan, all programs and project activities are monitored annually through one or more of the following components.

I. ACTIVE CONTRACTS

Prior to executing any agreement or obligation, monitoring takes the form of a compliance review. Verification is obtained to ensure that the proposed activity to be funded has received the proper authorization through venues such as the annual Action Plan, environmental review and fund release, and identification in the IDIS system. Funded activities generally are recognized in form of internal or external projects.

Internal Projects. For internal activities implemented by the City staff, compliance begins with written program guidelines, documentation and tracking mechanisms that will be used to demonstrate compliance with applicable federal, state and local requirements.

External Projects. For project activities implemented through external programs or third party contracts with non-profit, for-profit and community-based organizations, contract compliance may include:

- Development of a comprehensive Notice Of Fund Availability (NOFA)/Request For Proposals (RFP) which details performance, financial and regulatory responsibilities;
- Review and execution of a contract that includes, at a minimum, meeting the national objective, performance measures, a spending plan, a performance plan, a reporting format, reporting timelines, a budget and all applicable regulations referenced; and
- Subsequent verification of performance through desk, file, and/or on-site review.

Whether for internal or external projects, monitoring/compliance activities may include, but may not be limited to the following:

1. **Compliance Review prior to obligation of funds.** Prior to entering into any agreement or obligation of entitlement funds, the City conducts a compliance review to verify that the program activity has been duly authorized. The compliance review consists of:
 - Verification that the program activity has been approved as part of the Action Plan for the specified funding source and year;

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- Confirmation of the availability of applicable funds for the specific activity;
- Verification that the activity has received an environmental review and fund release;
- Verification that the activity has been set up and identified in the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS); and
- Confirmation that the scope of work defined in the contract has adequately addressed performance, financial and tracking responsibilities necessary to report and document accomplishments.

After this information has been verified, staff may proceed to obtain authorization and utilize entitlement funds for the activity.

2. **Administrative Desk Audit.** Before processing an invoice for payment, staff reviews the information to be sure that the item or service is an eligible expense and it is part of the contract budget. Staff also reviews performance reports and supporting documentation submitted with invoices to ensure that the contractor is performing in accordance with the terms of the current contract, any amendments, and the scope of work. The contractor's insurance certificate is also reviewed regularly to ensure that it is still in effect. This level of monitoring is performed on an ongoing basis throughout the duration of the contract and is documented through the use of an Administrative Desk Audit Review (ADA).

Through the review of performance reports and other documentation submitted by the contractor, staff is able to identify problems early and facilitate corrections or improvements. Should staff identify problems, he/she will work with the contractor to provide the necessary technical assistance to reach resolution. However, if no resolution of identified problems occurs or the contractor fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, staff has the authority to suspend further payments to the contractor until such time that issues have been satisfactorily resolved.

3. **Records Audit.** The review at this level includes a review of all file documents as needed. A file checklist is used to determine if the required documents are present. Through the review of performance reports and other documentation submitted by the contractor, staff is able to identify problems early and facilitate corrections or improvements. Should staff identify problems, he/she will work with the contractor to provide the necessary technical assistance to reach resolution. However, if no resolution of identified problems occurs or the contractor fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, staff has the authority to suspend further payments to the contractor until such time that issues have been satisfactorily resolved.
4. **Selected On-Site Monitoring.** An internally conducted risk assessment, will be used to determine the number of site reviews to be conducted. Based on the results of the risk assessment, a selected number of projects may have an on-site review conducted. The performance of contractors is reviewed for compliance with the program guidelines and the terms and conditions of the contract. In particular, staff verifies program administration and regulatory compliance in the following areas:
 - Performance (e.g. meeting a national objective, conducting eligible activities, achieving contract objectives, performing scope of work activities, maintaining contract schedule, abiding by the contract budget);

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- General management practices;
- Financial management practices (e.g. utilizing an accounting system, establishing and abiding by internal controls);
- Record keeping/reporting practices;
- Compliance with applicable anti-discrimination and accessibility regulations and ordinances (e.g. ADA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Fair Housing Act, Visitability Ordinance; and

Additional activity-specific reviews (e.g. housing rehabilitation, economic development, public facilities, acquisition, disposition) may include the following activities:

- In-house preparation or desk audit-review of all contract files
- On-site visit at the physical address of the contractor to review all contractor files

There will be follow-up, as necessary, to ascertain regulatory and program administration compliance.

5. **Project Closeout.** Once a project activity has been completed and all eligible project funds expended, the staff may require the contractor to submit a project closeout package. The project closeout will provide documentation to confirm whether the contractor was successful in completing all performance and financial objectives of the contractor. Staff will review and ask the contractor, if necessary, to reconcile any conflicting information previously submitted. The project closeout will constitute the final report for the project. Successful completion of a project means that all project activities, requirements, and responsibilities of the contractor have been adequately addressed and completed.

II. ON-GOING MONITORING

As a condition to providing federal funds involving housing or real property, HUD and the City may require extended periods of obligation beyond the initial performance objectives of a project in order to justify the amount of funding provided. These extended periods of obligation, also known as affordability periods, may last 20 years or longer. On-Going Monitoring (OGM) is the function to monitor compliance with these long-term obligations secured through the use of restrictive covenants, real estate deeds of trust and notes. OGM is responsible for determining if long-term compliance obligations are continuing to be met. Staff verifies that beneficiaries of the City-funded programs adhere to the terms and conditions of their agreements throughout the terms of their loan agreements. As non-compliant projects are identified, staff provides technical assistance to beneficiaries to facilitate compliance with applicable federal, state and local requirements. This type of monitoring is an important decision-making tool in evaluating and demonstrating program success/performance. I

On-going monitoring activities include the following:

1. Desk Review

There are two forms a desk review may take:

- i. Online research of property ownership, tax and other public records; and

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- ii. Review of compliance reports provided by beneficiaries such as performance and/or occupancy reports, income verifications, property inspection reports, and financial audits.
2. **Site Review**
Based upon a risk assessment of each property, staff may conduct site visits to inspect the property, confirm information provided by beneficiaries, and/or determine the adequacy of on-site records.
3. **Corrective Action Enforcement**
Beneficiaries are notified in writing regarding any compliance deficiencies, corrective action needed and a deadline for responding. Technical assistance is provided to facilitate correction of deficiencies and to help beneficiaries understand the requirements and conditions set forth in their respective lien documents.
4. **Technical Assistance**
Technical assistance will be provided to cure deficiencies and insure the beneficiaries know and understand the requirements and conditions set forth in their respective lien documents.

III. SECTION 3: Increasing Employment Opportunities for Low income Residents

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (Section 3) requires the City of Austin to ensure that employment and other economic and business opportunities generated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) financial assistance, to the greatest extent feasible, are directed to public housing residents and other low-income persons, particularly recipients of government housing assistance, and business concerns that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low income persons.

Section 3 Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) Office of the City of Austin to require its subrecipients and contractors to provide equal employment opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, veteran's or marital status, or economic status and to take affirmative action to ensure that both job applicants and existing employees are given fair and equal treatment.

NHCD implements this policy through the awarding of federally assisted contracts to contractors, vendors, and suppliers that may include construction related activities. To the greatest extent feasible, the Section 3 policy is designed to help create employment and business opportunities in construction related activities for Section 3 residents of the City and other qualified low- and very low-income persons residing in project areas.

It is anticipated that the policy may result in a reasonable level of success in the recruitment, employment, and utilization of Section 3 residents and other eligible persons and business by Section 3 contractors working on construction related contracts partially or wholly funded with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) monies. Prior to acting on any proposed contract award, NHCD and its subrecipients shall examine and consider a contractor's or vendor's potential for success not only in the cost for services, but also by its stated efforts to provide employment and business opportunities to Section 3 residents should employment opportunities arise.

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during the course of the funded construction related activity. NHCD and its subrecipients may provide extra consideration to contractors and vendors making efforts to meet or exceed established Section 3 policy employment goals in the award of these contracts.

Monitoring Compliance with the Section 3 Plan

NHCD, in conjunction with other appropriate City Departments, will develop a Section 3 Action Plan to identify the goals, objectives, and actions that will be implemented to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 3. NHCD will identify these goals and objectives in its contracts and agreements and will monitor and track the efforts of contractors and vendors to comply with Section 3 requirements. NHCD will provide an annual report to HUD that will identify the efforts made in increasing employment opportunities in construction related activities to Section 3 residents and businesses.

IV. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT TRACKING AND REPORTING

The recent HUD NOTICE CPD-03-09 encourages State and Local entitlements to develop Performance Measurement Systems for Community Planning. In FY 1998-99, the City of Austin began implementing performance measure tracking and reporting. Each department was required to submit performance measures for tracking and reporting. These measures were mostly output and efficiency measures, i.e. units produced and cost per unit.

Beginning in FY 2004-05, NHCD will add a new outcome measure to track the impact of the clients served with the greater community. Every year the City sends a customer survey to a random sample of Austin residents. One of the questions asked is: "What is your overall satisfaction of the availability of affordable housing for low/moderate income families?" The five selectable responses are: 1) very low, 2) somewhat low, 3) no opinion, 4) somewhat high, and 5) very high.

In addition to this information on a city-wide basis, NHCD will also provide a survey to recent clients served and ask the same question. These responses will be tabulated and compared with overall city opinion on the satisfaction of the availability of affordable housing.

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Affirmative Marketing and Minority Outreach Plan

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As a recipient of federal funds, the City of Austin must adopt affirmative marketing procedures and requirements for federally-assisted rental and homebuyer projects. Affirmative marketing steps consist of actions to provide information and otherwise attract eligible persons in the housing market area to the available housing without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status or disability.

The City of Austin's Equal Employment and Fair Housing Commission informs the public of Austin's fair housing laws. The City has adopted laws that go beyond the federal guidelines to make protections based on race, color, sex, creed, religion, national origin, age (18 years or older), status as a student, physical and mental handicap, parenthood, sexual orientation and marital status. The City is working to strengthen partnerships between the Commission, the Austin Tenants' Council and the Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities to address the problems of housing discrimination. The City also provided a forum to discuss housing discrimination with stakeholders at the "Community Conversations" Forum in 2005.

With changing demographics in Austin (Hispanic and Asian population has dramatically increased in the last 10 years), there are challenges when marketing to an eligible population that is limited English proficient (LEP). If there is an LEP population, NHCD strives to meet this need by:

- Translating marketing material to serve this population,
- Working with the language minority-owned print media, radio and television stations,
- Partnering with faith-based and community organizations that serve newly arrived immigrants, and
- Conducting marketing activities at adult-education training centers or during "English as a Second Language" classes.

I. Affirmative Marketing Plan

When a homeowner or rental housing project containing five or more units will be constructed, the City of Austin and /or its subrecipients will provide information to the community to attract eligible persons (which may include low to moderate income individuals, minority groups, residents of Public Housing and residents of manufactured housing) through neighborhood association newsletters, informational flyers, events, newspaper ads, posting on the City's website, home tours, postcards, groundbreakings, Austin Board of Realtors listing, press releases, homebuyer fairs and workshops, education classes, and advertisements on the City television station without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status or disability.

In each program's guidelines, requirements for owners are outlined. Each owner is required to agree to carry out the following affirmative marketing procedures and requirements.

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1. The business/builder/non-profit shall not refuse to sell or rent the subject homes to an individual because of race, color, religion or national origin.
2. The business/builder/non-profit shall not refuse to sell or rent the subject homes to an individual because that individual has children who will be residing in that dwelling.
3. The business/builder/non-profit shall not refuse to sell or rent the subject homes to an individual because that individual is eligible for public housing assistance.
4. The business/builder/non-profit shall conduct special outreach to a target group of persons least likely to apply through advertisement in newspapers whose circulation is primarily among the target group, as well as through notification of appropriate community groups and agencies.
5. The business/builder/non-profit shall advertise all homes for sale and apartments for rent in the appropriate local media.
6. The business/builder/non-profit shall include in all advertising HUD's Equal Housing Opportunity logo, slogan or statement, as defined in 24 CFR 200.600.
7. The business/builder/non-profit shall instruct all employees and agents both orally and in writing about the City's affirmative marketing requirements.
8. The business/builder/non-profit shall prominently display in its office HUD's Fair Housing Poster or Equal Housing Opportunity logo.
9. The business/builder/non-profit must keep on file any and all sales advertisements and applicant information. Copies of this information must be forwarded upon request to staff so that staff may properly assess the affirmative marketing practices.

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10. Nondiscrimination: In the performance of its obligations under this agreement, The business/builder/non-profit will comply with the provisions of any federal, state or local law prohibiting discrimination in housing on the grounds of race, color, sex, creed or national origin, including Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241), all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Regulations of the Secretary (24 CFR, Subtitle A, Part I) or pursuant to that Title; regulations issued pursuant to Executive Order 11063, and Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act.

The City of Austin keeps files of all marketing efforts.

Austin will report on its annual accomplishments in the CAPER. The measurement of the City's success will be to compare program participation to the City of Austin's overall demographics. The City of Austin will work with any contractor who is not meeting the requirements of the affirmative marketing plan.

II. Minority Outreach Plan

On February 19, 1987, the Austin City Council passed an ordinance establishing the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Procurement Program. The City Council approved major amendments to that ordinance on July 13, 1995. The program, which is administered by the City Department of Small and Minority Business Resources (DSMBR), established procurement goals for City departments that target Minority- or Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE). To qualify as a MBE/WBE, the business must be certified by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources as a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, joint venture or any other business entity that is owned, managed and operated by a minority or woman, and which performs a commercially useful function. Once certified, MBE/WBE vendors are included on a citywide database that details the products and services they provide by commodity code. This database is also available to prime contractors who are seeking to subcontract with City-certified MBE/WBE vendors.

The City of Austin produces the Contractor/subcontractor Activity Report after the close of every contract which is used to determine the amount of MBE/WBE contracts.

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III. Plan for Increasing Homeownership for Special Populations

In addition to minority populations, federal programs like ADDI require special outreach efforts to be conducted to more specialized segments of the community. The City of Austin to also expand its outreach efforts to these particular segments of the community that have historically low participation level in the homeownership as well. These targeted populations may include but not be limited to residents of public housing and tenants of manufactured housing. Through increased coordination with the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA), additional criteria will be developed that may allow public housing tenants additional consideration in accessing homeowner housing developed through the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) and through local Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDO). Tenants of manufactured housing will be encouraged to participate through several homeownership fairs scheduled to be conducted in areas with high levels of manufactured housing. Through the information and training provided during the fairs, tenants of manufactured housing will be encouraged to become home owners, rather than renters. Further follow up with tenants will help identify those low income households that may be able to take advantage of existing homeownership opportunities. Low income household tenants that currently are unable to qualify for homeownership because of issues such as debt, credit, and income may be referred to accredited housing counseling providers.

IV. Long Term Homeownership Maintenance Plan

Increased foreclosure rates nationally indicate the need to ensure that low income homebuyers can not only purchase their home, but maintain homeownership as well. It is the intent of the City of Austin to help increase homeownership and help ensure long term stability of new first time home owners. It must be recognized that some low income households may not be ready to participate in homeownership. This can be accomplished through a series of proactive actions that include 1) restricting assistance to only low-income households that have demonstrated financial capabilities in obtaining and maintaining homeownership and 2) not participating in lending transactions that can be detrimental to the long term stability of the low income homeowner. In addition, the City will utilize the following plan of action in increasing long term homeownership stability and minimize the possibility of foreclosures of low income first time homebuyers:

1. Developing reasonable program lending criteria – This establishes limitations of fees and down payment assistance for City participation and helps minimize the effect of potential predatory lending.
2. Conducting needs based financial analysis – This identifies for the client the amount of assistance actually needed and whether reasonable costs are being charged by the lender and/or seller by potentially within industry standards
3. Pre-purchase homebuyer counseling – This requires the client to be informed prior to purchase of a home of the home buying process and requirements. The homebuyer will receive appropriate referrals to qualified housing counseling agencies.

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4. Post-purchase homeowner counseling – This requires follow up contact with the homebuyer and identifies issues that left unchecked may lead to a foreclosure situation. The homeowner will receive appropriate referrals to qualified housing counseling agencies.

APPENDIX IV:

HUD 2006 Income Guidelines

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
City of Austin

HUD Income Limits by Household Size
Effective Date: March 8, 2006

***FY 2006 Area Median Family Income
 For Travis County, Texas
 \$69,600***

MSA: Austin – Round Rock, TX

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30% Median Income <i>(30% of median defined by HUD)</i>	14,950	17,100	19,200	21,350	23,050	24,750	26,450	28,200
40% Median Income*	19,900	22,750	25,600	28,450	30,750	33,000	35,300	37,550
50% Median Income <i>(very low income defined by HUD)</i>	24,900	28,450	32,000	35,550	38,400	41,250	44,100	46,950
60% Median Income*	29,850	34,150	38,400	42,650	46,050	49,500	52,900	56,300
65% Median Income*	32,350	36,950	41,600	46,200	49,900	53,600	57,300	60,500
80% Median Income <i>(low-income defined by HUD)</i>	39,850	45,500	51,200	56,900	61,450	66,000	70,550	75,100

* MFI figures were internally calculated and not defined directly by HUD; to be used for other program purposes only

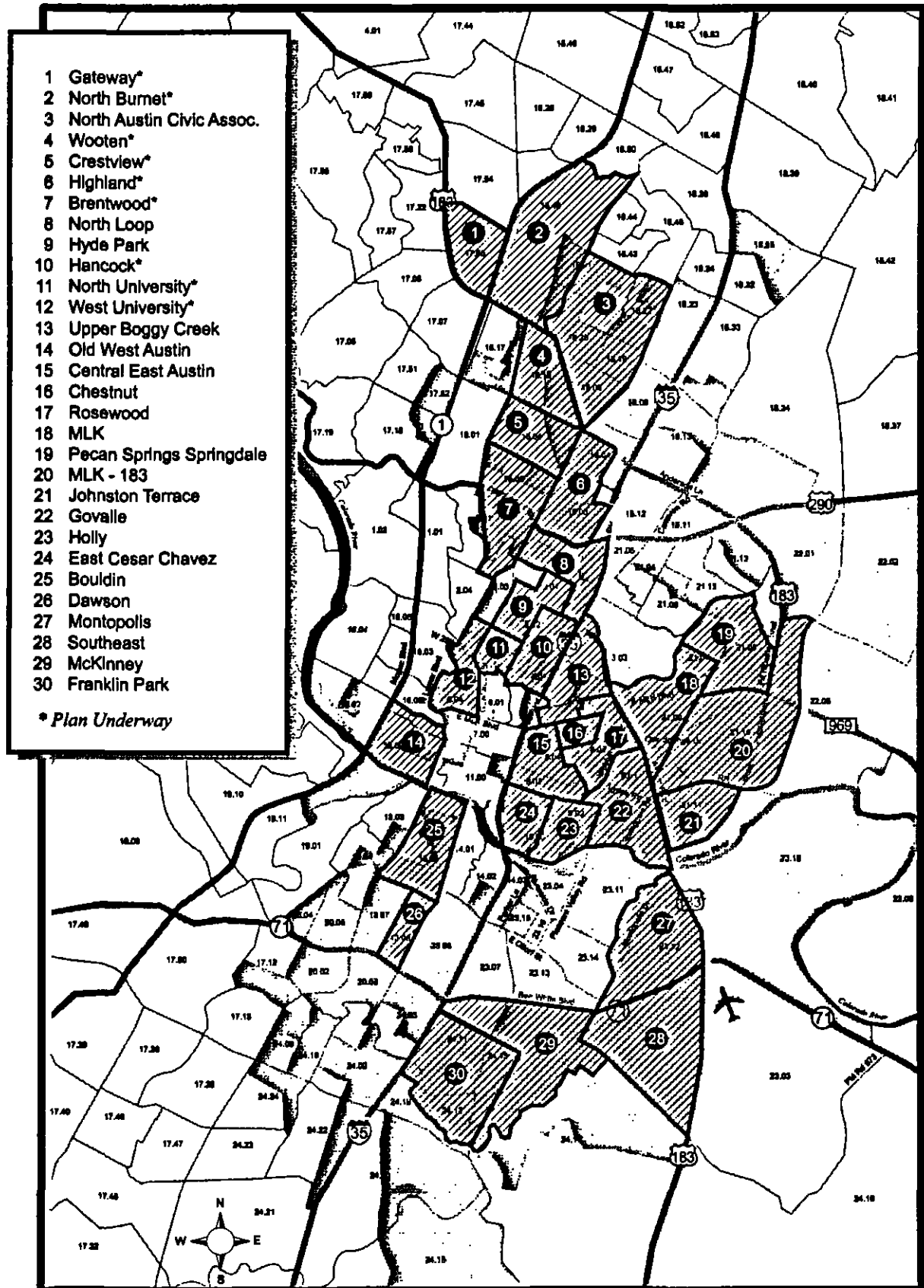
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Maps

Neighborhood Planning Areas

 Low to Moderate Income Census Tracts

 Neighborhood Planning Areas



Source: City of Austin

Source: 2000 Census



Commercial Management Priority Areas

Includes South Congress, South 1st Street and Montopolis Corridors



Source: 2000 Census



The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Dolores Gonzalez is the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator. If you have any questions or complaints regarding your ADA/Section 504 rights, please call her at (512) 974-3256 (voice) or (512) 974-2445(TTY).